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Neighbourly visit to Mayor of the Vale!



MEMBERS of Barry Friends and Neighbours group were guests of the Vale Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, when they attended a reception at the Town Hall, Barry, for a tour of the library, followed by tea and cakes in the Mayor's Parlour. Gay Fifield, co-ordinator, said: "I would like to thank the Mayor for a very enjoyable afternoon. The tour of the library was really interesting and informative and Alison Singleton was very obliging."

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Part of cliff crashes down

AN estimated 150 tons of rock came crashing down a Penarth cliff on Sunday, April 13.

The drama took place at around 1pm, but no one was injured.

Witnesses reported rumbling like an earthquake. It left two giant piles of rocks at the base of the cliffs.

Six fire crews attended the scene in case anyone had been caught up in the rock fall. The Vale Council sited cordons at the bottom of the cliffs and at the top.

Walkers along the coastline are being advised to be vigilant and to stay as far away from the foot of cliffs as possible.

The likelihood is the fall was caused by the excess rainfall that fell in recent months 'water logging' the cliffs.

Following inspections of the area, the Vale Council has told residents the beach is safe to use.

Miles Punter, said: "A number of council officers have attended the site over the past two days. It is likely that the cliff in this area will

continue to suffer from some minor falls for a short period of time.

"However, the beach below is safe to use so long as visitors use their common sense and walk at a safe distance from the base of the cliff."

Time to take a closer look at...

Llantwit Major

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Residents' fears of asbestos in homes

RESIDENTS in an area of Barry fear that they and their children may have been exposed to the dangers of asbestos.

The Vale Council carried out surveys in properties on the Shakespeare Estate which identified asbestos in cupboards. It says risks are "extremely low".

But one concerned father of children aged two and four, Jake Byrne, told The GEM: "What I want is some sort of a guarantee that my family is not at risk."

Asbestos is a popular fibrous building material used as an insulator since the 1950s. But the Health and Safety Executive points out that if people are exposed to it, they can develop asbestos-related diseases.

Jake explained: "A survey has been carried out and it found extremely dangerous asbestos. We've been living here for five years, but were unaware of this."

"We've been told not to go in cupboards and cavities, such as the ones containing our meters – I've been going in there for years. Surely we should have been warned."

PEOPLE ARE WORRIED

"People in Hathaway Place and Stratford Green are worried."

Jake was due to have a kitchen fitted and thinks people should be given options in terms of accommodation elsewhere while work is undertaken.

He once worked as a scaffolder. "I know about asbestos, and when they work on a property with it, they seal it off like a tent as if they are taking aliens away!"

Another resident, mum of three Tiffany Evans, said she had fears about the asbestos and thinks families should be put up in a local hotel while kitchens and bathrooms are fitted.

"I'm concerned about the children's health. Six years ago, we were told it was not a problem."

"I am now getting someone in to check the air quality in my house."

"We would like to be rehoused, but have been told that is not an option."

She said she had been visited by eight people from

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

the council in the last couple of weeks providing conflicting information.

Some residents received a leaflet from the council which states: "Asbestos surveys have been undertaken in homes in your neighbourhood as part of the council's home improvement programme of works... The surveys have identified 'asbestos containing materials' within some service cupboards in properties already inspected."

"We will be surveying all properties in the Shakespeare Estate in the coming weeks and as a precautionary measure will be sealing affected service cupboards on a temporary basis."

"In the event that asbestos is found within your service cupboard, our contractor Keepmoat will be in the first instance encapsulating any asbestos found and then removing the asbestos when the kitchen and bathroom works are undertaken."

The leaflet insists the council takes the safety of tenants "very seriously" and that is why it will take prompt action where required. It also points out that specialist surveyors are undertaking the checks to homes.

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How family have been affected by First World War

MY father was one of 11 children born in Cowbridge, who all served in World War 1.

One served in the Royal Navy, eight served in the army, and two of my aunts served as army nurses in France. Three of my uncles were professionals with pre-war service and were recalled to serve.

My father was an engine driver who volunteered in December 1914, and served in the Royal Engineers. After training, he was posted to France. He took barbed wire to the front line and also drove a hospital train to pick up the wounded troops.

He told me that a coach was equipped as an operating theatre and, in an emergency, a bell that had been fitted to the cab of the engine would ring.

When this happened, my father would find a loop on the railway track to pull the train into, so that they could operate

on the emergency patient. The first of my father's siblings to die in the war was Benjamin, who was recalled to the Royal Navy and died in January 1916, aged 39.

The second to be killed was Sidney, who died when he was 25, and is buried at Boesinghe, Belgium.

He was killed by a shell in the trenches on June 24, 1917.

He was a Lance Corporal in the Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and was the youngest of the 11 children.

My two aunts who had become nurses in the war – one served in Belgium and one in France – later made careers in nursing.

One became a matron of a home in Chester, an the other nursed a New Zealand soldier in 1918.

They married, and he was returned to New Zealand after the war.

She waited until 1919 before she could follow him, so I never had the chance to meet her. **Stanley Hayward (aged 87)**

TREES HONOUR FALLEN HEROES

MAY I, through the pages of your newspaper, thank all the people of Barry who have donated their money or volunteered their time to our project to plant 700 native trees at the entrance of the town as a living memorial to the Barrians who never returned from the ravages of the First World War.

We still need around another 200 trees to reach our total ... that means we need to raise around £300 to pay for the saplings, their protective equipment and organic fertiliser.

I thank the Woodland Trust for donating 420 of the trees we have planted and Keep Wales Tidy for our liability insurance.

If anyone would like to donate to the project, please make cheques payable to White Farm Conservation Group, and post to 118 Merthyr Dyfan Road, Barry, CF62 9TJ. Coun Rob Curtis, Barry (Co-ordinator White Farm Conservation Group).

Barry PACT meetings

BARUC PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel on April 24 at 6.30pm.

COURT PACT, The Scout Hall, Dyfan Road, Barry on May 15 at 7pm.

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'LYSWORNEY BY-PASS TO LLANDOW SETTLEMENT IS THE ONLY ANSWER' Darren Farm plan for 350 houses is 'out of scale'

LIKE many individuals and groups, Cowbridge History Society objected strongly to the proposals for more than 350 houses on the Darren Farm site in the LDP.

You report that there is now an amended proposal that would take the development to the very front door of Llanfrynnach church.

The land owner, Mr John Homfray, seems to have missed the point entirely of our original objections.

He now says his developers wish to build the same number of houses but at a lower density, whereas what all object to is the sheer number of houses and the size of the development as being quite out of scale with the historic town of Cowbridge and its potential to service properly such a massive increase in population.

The Vale of Glamorgan's LDP was to be based on sustainability.

This society and others demonstrated in their submissions that this objective could not be met at this scale from current or likely future resources, pointing to considerable increases in car borne commuting, inadequate numbers of school places (despite the proposal to build a new primary school – itself unsustainable, since children would have to be brought by car or taken to the comprehensive school), a local health service that could not cope with additional patients and pressure on other public services.

Perhaps Mr Homfray thinks that the private sector will, over the course of time, bring lots of new jobs to Cowbridge to reduce commuting, and that the hard pressed public sector will be able to increase its services to satisfy the considerable increase in demand.

Among the reasons his original planning application for houses on this site some years ago was

rejected by the Inspector were their intrusion in an area of high landscape value, the loss of valuable agricultural land and with it the loss of the livelihood of the tenant farmer, and the inadequacy of the link road once it merged with the Llanwit road, which the inspector declared to be too narrow to take the traffic likely to be generated.

Mr Homfray's claim that his new proposal will improve infrastructure for Cowbridge is nonsense; it can only increase the traffic flow through Cowbridge's historic High Street.

The building of the bypass to the north of the town in the mid 1960s saved historic Cowbridge from an endless decline and destruction of its historic buildings. Now only the building of a Llyswofrey by-pass linked to a new settlement at Llandow will do that.

R J Buswell, Chair, Cowbridge History Society.

'Peaceful ambience will be destroyed by extended plan'

THE GEM has done the community a service in so prominently displaying on its front page the proposed development on Darren Farm.

This proposal will ruin the western side of Cowbridge, and with its extra 940 residents, totally overload the services, roads and other facilities within the town, which will far outweigh any access advantages. It is also based on contentious population statistics for The Vale.

The original plan was already a gross intrusion into the countryside, and the logic of smearing the stain of the development still further in the hope that it will be less noticeable, is somewhat difficult to understand.

Hopefully, the residents of Cowbridge will, having seen the extended proposal, appreciate better what is proposed for their town, and object.

The extended plan offers a real threat to the status and ambience of the church at Llanfrynnach, which is an oasis of peace, and where services have a degree of spirituality and disconnection with the material world that is experienced almost nowhere else.

The extended site puts the church only 160m from the proposed busy link road with heavy goods traffic, destroying for ever the peaceful ambience of this historic church which is valued highly by many Cowbridge residents as a treasured amenity.

It is sad that the proposers do not recognise this. There will now be a narrower green strip backing onto the church behind the

houses, and one wonders what it will be used for, how it will be maintained, and when it will also be built on.

At least the original plan had 250m of cultivated fields separating Llanfrynnach Lane from the link road and houses.

It has been patronisingly suggested that the farmers who have occupied Darren Farm for generations might emigrate to Barbados, and elsewhere the letter from Mr Stewart suggests a lack of awareness.

St Brynach's is one of several churches in the benefice, there is no need for another with suburban access. For those couples, and the congregations who may appreciate the ambience of Llanfrynnach, the church is available, and its individual character should be protected, not destroyed.

DB Webb, Llanblethian

'Use Llandow site for new houses'

AS a frequent visitor to Cowbridge, I have always been struck by the historic nature of the town set in beautiful, unspoilt countryside.

I read recently with horror that a local landowner has proposed that Darren Farm now be almost completely built on. Looking at the proposal on a map, it would seem that this would increase the size of Cowbridge dramatically and destroy the magnificent

vistas to the west of the town. Surely local residents should support the alternative site proposed at Llandow, which would seem to have many obvious points in its favour.

Any new development there would be partly on a brown field site, which I had believed to be the Government's preference over using a green field site. There is already a railway there which would help keep traffic off the roads, and the two nearby industrial estates would provide some employment within walking distance.

In addition, housing there would undoubtedly be less expensive for youngsters, as the site would be slightly outside Cowbridge itself and Llyswofrey would probably get its bypass.

A simple way for those wishing to add their support to Llandow as an alternative site is to voice their opinion by emailing the council at ldp@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk quoting the Llandow reference ASN7 before the May 1 deadline. **Nicolas Doherty, Dinas Powys.**

'Talking down Welsh NHS'

HOW sad that our MP Alun Cairns seeks to talk down Wales perpetually from Westminster, lobbing a pre-agreed patsy question on the NHS to David Cameron at PMQs last Wednesday.

Wales has a vastly different health demographic to England and figures, if they even exist, can always be found to paint the Welsh NHS in a bad light.

The Welsh Assembly has recognised that some waiting lists need action and have contracted out some operations to English hospitals.

This, whilst admittedly inconvenient for patients, does show that Mark Drakeford AM and his colleagues take this matter seriously.

In Wales, we do not take any lessons from a Tory party that brought in expensive top-down re-organisation and seeks to part-privatise the service, to reward their friends in the City. **Peter Holly, Rhoose.**

Remember Irving Davies

IHAVE read with interest recent articles in the GEM about Irving Davies, dance choreographer.

We lived next door to the Davies family for years when Irving and I were children in Woodlands Road.

Before television, children arranged their own amusements and my father, Bill Stonehewer, would put curtains up in the sitting room for Irving and me to play concerts with his mother, a lovely singer and pianist, providing the music.

Irving achieved so much in his life, but never forgot his Barry friends, and always enjoyed walking around The Knap and Porthkerry when time permitted.

May I suggest that a seat on the pebbles at The Knap opposite the car park in memory of Irving would be a better tribute than a wall plaque? **Audrey M Spanoudakis, Barry.**

Breaking the code on roundabouts

HAS anyone noticed the plethora of distracting advertising signs appearing on roundabouts?

Many have 11 digit mobile phone numbers and much worded text stating various claims or asking questions.

Surely there is enough to cope with regarding lane discipline, directional signs, road markings and traffic lights, without adding extra risk.

Am I alone in feeling that safety is being compromised for financial gain? **Steve George**

HIGH TIDE TIMES (UNTIL APRIL 24)

The high tides listed in this week's GEM are those in Porthcawl. It should be remembered that along the coast, high tide times will vary.

For instance, in Barry, the high point will be 20 – 25 minutes later.

DATE	Time	Ht	Time	Ht
	AM	M	PM	M
17 Thur	08.32	9.8	20.51	10.0
18 Fri	09.11	9.7	21.31	9.7
19 Sat	09.53	9.6	22.12	9.4
20 Sun	10.34	9.2	22.57	9.1
21 Mon	11.22	8.7	23.51	8.5
22 Tues	00.57	8.2	12.22	8.3
23 Wed	02.18	8.1	13.43	7.9
24 Thur			15.02	8.0

While The GEM makes every effort to check the accuracy of tide tables, we recommend that anyone putting out to sea, or walking in an area where they could be cut off, should check with a tide table specific to their location.

'RNLI has been great part of my life'

Gerry Adams retires after a 36-year stint!

Macmillan mobile unit

THIRTY-FOUR people visited Macmillan Cancer Support's mobile service during its recent stop in Barry's Kings Square.

Visitors received free, confidential information and support relating to cancer from the service.

Susan Morris, general manager for Macmillan Cancer Support in Wales, said: "We would like to thank everyone who visited our mobile service during its stop in Barry. The response from

people was really positive – some visitors just wanted a chat, or to pick up some information leaflets and some had more complex medical or financial questions."

More than 4,700 people in the Vale are living with or beyond cancer. If you have

questions about cancer, call Macmillan (free) on

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ONE of Barry's great characters, and a man who has dedicated much of his life to helping others in need, Gerry Adams, has retired as the volunteer lifeboat press officer for the Barry Dock station.

Gerry, who works at Dow Corning, has accumulated 36 years' service at the Barry station – 18 years serving on the lifeboat and 18 years as its press officer.

"I'll never forget my first call. I'd only had my pager for two hours when I found myself called out to a sinking boat – we saved five men and a dog."

"The boat went bow down, standing 'end high' in the water before sinking – it was just minutes after transferring the casualties over."

On another occasion, he was preparing to go to Bristol Airport for a holiday when the pager went off.

He told his wife, Jill, that he was "just going to see if everything was okay" but found himself with crew members on a ledge on Nell's Point with two severely injured casualties, an incoming tide and a helicopter

Three hours later he was on a plane due for Lanzarote reflecting with amazement: "What was all that about a few hours ago!"

During his lifeboat days, Gerry was part of crews who saved 75 lives and assisted hundreds of people.

As the press officer, there were two momentous occasions that gave him pleasure to report on.

The first was the 2001 centenary celebrations at Barry Docks, probably the biggest celebration that Barry had.

The second was reporting on a 16-year-old boy who was missing off Friars Point, feared drowned. He was found by the vigilant volunteer crew and successfully resuscitated.

Gerry and Dean Caldwell visited the teenager three days later in hospital, thrilled there were no apparent

complications.

Gerry has a more than able successor. He is handing over his 'quill' to his deputy Abigail Phillips.

Abi has been to the RNLI HQ in Poole on a specialist press officers' course at the lifeboat college.

She has a strong connections with the Barry Station. Her husband Dave is a deputy coxswain and her mother Liz is the education and visits officer.

Gerry started volunteering as a St John cadet at the age of just 10 years old, was a founder member of the St John Lifeguards, joined the volunteer crew of the Barry Dock lifeboat and then became a first responder with the South Wales Ambulance Service.

He told The GEM: "I want to pay a special tribute to my wife Jill, and my children Matthew, Paul, Kirsty and Rebecca for the support they have given me during my time with the Barry Dock Lifeboat.

"There have been many occasions when family outings or events have been disrupted at the sound of my pager."

Ever the dedicated RNLI 'PR' man, he is keen to broadcast news of the charity's cause far and wide.

"I did the Cardiff Half Marathon a couple of years ago after a 40 year break from long distance running with the intention of raising funds for the lifeboat and would like to encourage those who have not got a dedicated charity to consider running for the Barry Lifeboat."

Gerry stressed the RNLI remains a charity and relies on money being raised to fund voluntary crews and lifeguards.

He is now heading towards his 55th year of volunteering.

"I plan to continue as a community first responder for the South Wales Ambulance Service and will still give time to the RNLI."

He said: "The RNLI has been a great part of my life. It is truly a great institution."

Easter fun on Barry Island

BARRY Tourist Railway's Easter weekend sees vintage trains running and Glamorgan Wartime Heritage Centre at Barry Island Railway Station will be open on Easter Sunday, along with craft stalls. Full details are on the website at www.barrytouristrailway.co.uk.

Toys and trains in Penarth

CARDIFF Toy & Train sale will be held on Saturday, April 19 at 10.30am-3pm in Penarth Leisure Centre, Andrew Road, Cogan. There are over 100 tables with more than 40 traders from all over Britain.

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Jobs fair drew 1,250 visitors



Left to right:
Coun Chris Elmore,
deputy minister
Vaughan Gething,
AM, Cardiff Blues
rugby player
Andries Pretorius
and Coun Lis
Burnett.

THE recent Barry Jobs Fair, organised by Barry Communities First and Job Centre Plus, has been hailed as a "great success" with over 1,250 visitors.

Guest speaker, Cardiff Blues rugby player Andries Pretorius, was on hand to offer an insight into

the challenges he faced to get where he is today.

Barry Communities First is a Welsh Government-funded project aimed at improving the health, learning and prosperity of residents living in parts of Buttrills, Cadoc, Casteland, Court or Gibbonsdown.

Road safety funding welcomed by parents



PLAID Cymru councillor Ian Johnson has strongly welcomed the announcement of 'Safe Routes in Communities' funding for Barry, after running a two year campaign with local residents and parents for road safety improvements on Buttrills Road.

The new funding includes altering the Buttrills Road crossing near Ysgol Sant Curig into a 'puffin' crossing where

traffic lights will be operated by pedestrians. Other successful projects include cycling and footpath routes along Port Road between Barry Comprehensive and Weycock Cross, and another puffin crossing on Barry Road near Jenner Park school.

Coun Johnson said: "I am very pleased that the hard work of parents from Ysgol Sant Curig and local residents has paid off and that the crossing will now be improved – making it safer for children to

go back and forth to school.

"The proposals came from the parents themselves after conducting a traffic study and seeing a number of cars going through the current crossing, ignoring children waiting to cross or, worse, those already on the crossing.

"The traffic lights will hopefully make drivers think twice about speeding in either direction on the hill – something that led to a major crash in October last year when a driver lost control of his car.

Leader gives an insight into work of Vale Council

THE speaker at the Barry Men's Forum meeting last week, was leader of the Vale of Glamorgan Council, Coun Neil Moore, who detailed the operations of the council.

He explained the set-up of the council with seven cabinet members, and 47 councillors, each representing between 2,000 and 3,000 households. The annual council budget is £214million per annum, which he identified as being £362 per household per year.

Neil then went on to itemise the major projects the council are presently progressing. Barry Island was highlighted as a

particular beneficiary of the £9.8m regeneration programme, financed by the Welsh Government. This

concentrated on the east end of the promenade.

He highlighted the problems with the developer in the plans for the fun fair site, and the council's inability to attract a cinema to the Island, although he thought it likely that a cinema could be established in the town soon.

He touched on the problems of the roadway to Barry Island, and that this had now been resolved with a WA loan. He also referred to the upgrade of 'Five Mile Lane', which was a Welsh Government scheme, but delays may be expected due to compulsory purchase orders

required to buy the land.

After referring to the upgrades of school buildings in the Vale, and the Enterprise Zone at St Athan, the meeting was thrown upon to question time, when members were able to raise their own experiences and frustrations of the council.

On April 24, the speaker will be Ceri Harris, Forum programme secretary, whose talk is entitled 'Oman in the 80s'. The Barry Men's Forum meet at Trinity Presbyterian Church Hall, Aberystwyth Crescent every Thursday morning at 10.15am.

For further information, contact the chairman, Peter Westcott, on 029 2059 4881.

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PACT meets

BARUC PACT, Mount Sorrel Hotel on April 24, 2014 at 6.30pm.
COFFEE & CHAT, The Six Bells, Penmark on April 22, 2014 at 11am and **The Red Fox**, Penllyn on April 23, 2014 at 11am.
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School litter pickers celebrate Tidy effort!

Stanwell school's volunteers are pictured with Denny White, senior enforcement officer at the council.



STANWELL School and the Vale Council's visible services department have celebrated five years of working together to reduce litter in the community.

The initiative is funded by Keep Wales Tidy and involves regular litter picks on Barry Island and Penarth and also features as part of the school's BTEC Workskills curriculum.

Pupils' sense of adventure



PUPILS from Holton Primary School took part in a memorable educational Venture Holiday at Manor Adventure, Llanwrtyd Wells last week, when

centre staff led high quality sessions to instil confidence and provide a sense of achievement.

Activities included kayaking, orienteering, climbing, archery – and, most importantly, all pupils completed their 'basic skill adventurous activity certificate' during their stay.

A BARRY man who repeatedly flouted an order banning him from contacting an ex-partner has been jailed for 10 months at Cardiff Crown Court.

Over two days it was stated, Kenneth Crane, 31, sent the woman 211 texts, sometimes more than one a minute.

Crane, of Holton Road, Barry, pleaded guilty before Cardiff Magistrates to breaching a restraining

order and was committed to the Crown Court for sentence.

Recorder Wyn Jones said: "There is no excuse for what you did. I have heard the details and they are pretty horrible and pretty disgusting."

"The problem is, you have a temper, which you do not control, and you now realise the mess you've got yourself into."

He said repeated breaches of court orders could not be

tolerated.

"It must have been very, very upsetting to have received those texts."

Prosecutor David Pinnell said the order was made by Cardiff Magistrates in March 2011 for five years, preventing him from contacting the woman.

She and Crane had had a relationship which had been tempestuous and

which ended in 2010. "He could not recognise it was over," said Mr Pinnell.

On March 16, he sent her 158 texts and the following day 53.

One said: "Don't ***** ignore me, I'll come down."

Another said: "Do not *** with me."

One read: "You ***** slag," and she replied, "Leave me alone and get on with your life."

The court heard he had convictions for 51 offences, including

harassment, breach of restraining orders, causing damage, public order offences and assault.

His solicitor Ann Griffiths said: "He accepts flouting the court order. He does have anger issues and suffers severe depression. He wants to get on with his life."

The Recorder imposed a fresh restraining order to last indefinitely, and ordered Crane to pay a victim surcharge of £100.

Council's 'swift action'

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Independent Councillor Richard Bertin, who sits on the housing committee, told The GEM he could understand why some residents are worried.

"I have spoken with the head of housing who has reassured me that the council are doing all they can to help Ms Evans. I understand that this is low risk and housing are now investigating the matter."

The GEM put residents' fears to the Vale Council. We also asked whether

residents could be put in accommodation elsewhere while work goes on and, if they were sufficiently concerned about the dangers, could they be rehoused.

'PRIME CONCERN'

The head of housing and building services, Hayley Selway, said: "The risks to tenants, health and that of their families is extremely low. However, their wellbeing is our prime concern and so the council has taken swift action to address the issues on the Shakespeare Estate.

"Prior to Welsh Housing Quality Standard improvement works being undertaken,

refurbishment surveys are carried out to locate any asbestos that may be present in a tenant's home. A survey in the Shakespeare Estate identified an asbestos-based product in a meter cupboard.

"We take any suggestion of asbestos products extremely seriously and immediate action was taken as soon as the contractor made us aware of the discovery.

"As a precaution, all meter cupboards in the houses within Shakespeare estate have been presumed to contain asbestos material, and all tenants were sent letters informing them that we would be instructing our



Residents on the Shakespeare Estate would like to be moved while work goes on in their houses.

She added: "The risk associated with this product is very low; however, it is our policy to do everything possible to protect our tenants. contractor to encapsulate i.e. cover over, all of the presumed asbestos boards.

"This encapsulation work is due to be completed by this Thursday (April 17). Any fittings that could potentially contain asbestos will then be removed as part of the WHQS works."

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Putting names to faces of the past



John (left) and Les working on the records.

BARRY Male Voice Choir programmes and minutes of meetings members are hoping that the public will help them to identify faces from the past on the many choir archive photographs collected by the late Mel Hancock.

The dozens of files recording the life and times of the choir since its formation in 1902 is proving to be a stern challenge to choir archivists John Shewring and Les Phillips, who have spent many hours sifting through boxes of written and printed material.

John Shewring explained: "We are making steady and painstaking progress. The photographs, concert

relatives."

Les Phillips added: "Many of the photos have already been digitalised and have been stored for posterity in the Glamorgan Archives, Cardiff. Eventually, we hope to include all archive material on our own website which at the moment is being updated.

We are sure that many readers will be

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Barry Town Council currently has a vacancy for a Minor Authority Representative on Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and Ysgol Nant Talwg and would like to invite interested parties to apply to represent the Council on this Governing Body.

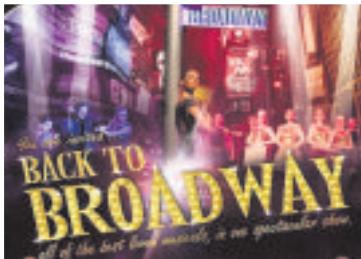
The role of Minor Authority Representative is a voluntary, four year position and the successful candidate would be expected to attend regular meetings and report back to the Council on those meetings.

For further information or if you are interested in applying please contact Mr Cliff Lewis, Town Clerk on 01446 704920 or email: info@barrytowncouncil.gov.uk for an application form. The closing date for applications is: 9th May, 2014.

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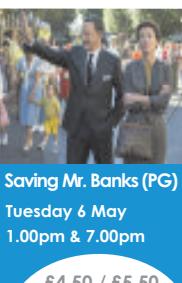
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Holocaust survivor tells her heartrending story in Lessons from Auschwitz

IN February, two Barry Sixth Formers, John Frazer and Gareth Hurman, took part in the Holocaust Educational Trust's 'Lessons from Auschwitz' project.

Students took part in two half-day seminars and a one-day visit to the former Nazi extermination camp of Auschwitz-Birkenau. They then passed on the lessons that they learned about the Holocaust and its relevance to today in their schools and communities.

The four-part course started with an orientation seminar at the Angel Hotel, Cardiff, where the students listened to the touching and inspiring testimony of a Holocaust survivor.

Eva Clarke told the audience of how her parents had been sent by the Nazis to Terezin and later Auschwitz-Birkenau.

The audience also heard how Eva, herself, was born in Mauthausen concentration camp on April 29, 1945 and that, if the gas chambers hadn't been blown up on April 28, 1945 and the American army hadn't liberated the camp three days after her birth, neither mother nor child would have survived.

Eva and her mother were the only survivors of their family, 15 of whom were murdered in Auschwitz, her father being shot less than a week before the liberation by the Russian army.

On February 19, John and Gareth travelled to Poland with other students from all over Wales and began their visit at the only surviving synagogue in the Polish town of Oswiecim (renamed 'Auschwitz' by the Nazis in 1939).

Here, the group met Rabbi Barry Marcus, the founder of the project, who spoke to the students about the victims' lives before the war, in order to begin to re-humanise them as individuals.

The group was then taken to Auschwitz I and given a guided tour of the barracks, where exhibitions of items seized from the prisoners are now housed. These included hair and artificial limbs, suitcases, shoes and household items.

John and Gareth were then taken to Auschwitz II-Birkenau – the site that most people associate with the word 'Auschwitz' and where the vast majority of victims were murdered.

Seeing the remnants of barracks, crematoria and gas chambers had an even greater impact on the students.

The exhibition, here, of photos of the victims' lives before the war added to this, as it serves as a reminder that the millions of people murdered during the Holocaust were individuals with stories of their own.

The tour of Auschwitz II-Birkenau was concluded with a memorial service led by Rabbi Barry Marcus. Students then lit memorial candles and placed them along the railway track as a

RIGHT:
The infamous
watch tower at
Auschwitz II-
Birkenau.



LEFT:
The 'Arbeit Macht
Frei' (Work sets you
free) sign over the
gate at Auschwitz I.

RIGHT:
Students paying their
respects by
lighting candles and
placing them on
the railway tracks.



final mark of respect to those who died, and to mark the end of their trip.

The follow-up seminar, which was also held in the Angel Hotel, served as an opportunity for students to reflect on their experiences and the impact it had on them.

It also allowed John and Gareth to discuss ideas for their 'Next Steps' project that is aimed at sharing their unforgettable experiences and disseminating the lessons they have learned.

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WELDER FALSELY CLAIMED £28,000

Pyle man escapes jail after benefit fraud

A FRAUDSTER who dishonestly obtained benefits of nearly £28,000, has been jailed for six months, the sentence suspended for one year, and fined £10,000 at Cardiff Crown Court.

Robert Davies, 64, an unemployed welder of Ffordd-y-Mynach, Pyle, admitted charges of fraud by false representation and failing to disclose information.

Prosecutor Lowri Wynn Morgan said he had made a claim to the department of Work and Pensions for pension credit and also received council tax benefit; in addition, he failed to inform the department and the local authority of his total savings. It was

by AJ SICLUNA

believed he had savings of £5,500.

He failed to inform them that at the time, he had savings of £140,720 held in bank accounts, shares and ISAs.

Had the authorities been aware of this, the benefits would not have been paid, said Miss Wynn Morgan.

He was interviewed in January and admitted he had not declared the savings.

Over three years, she said, he dishonestly received £27,838.

The court heard that he had repaid the money.

His counsel, Kevin Seal, said "It's accepted it was fraud over a significant period."

He said Davies had no previous

convictions and it was sad to see such a man appear before a Crown Court.

"He is the backbone of his local rugby club and this case has brought deep shame upon him."

The year 2010, said Mr Seal, was a tragic one for Davies, when he was made redundant, a parent died, and his partner had a severe stroke.

"His concern is not so much for himself, but for his partner. He knows he has to be punished and has not tried to lay the blame on anyone but himself."

Said Judge Patrick Curran, "These offences are easy to commit and difficult to detect. Every penny obtained is a burden the taxpayer has to bear. The court is required to deal severely with any such case."

Charity concert for CAFOD – with curry!

STUDENTS from St Richard Gwyn High School in Barry and St Iltyd's High School in Cardiff have raised over £1,200 through a concert and curry fundraiser to help those in the Philippines affected by the recent typhoon.

Students at St Richard Gwyn, who help as chaplain assistants in the school, organised an evening of entertainment to raise money for the Catholic charity CAFOD (Catholic agency for overseas development).

The concert was also joined by students from St Iltyd's High School.

A range of fantastic musical performances was followed by delicious curry prepared by school staff.

There was music from around the world, including African drumming, Gamelan from Bali and Kitar from India. There were also choral

performances, solo singing and music from St Richard Gwyn's very own rock band to round off the night.

St Richard Gwyn student Elinor (14) who helped to arrange the concert, said: "We organised the event to raise money for those people suffering in the Philippines because they need help and the money we raise will go to a really worthwhile cause."

Parents, friends and staff from both schools came along to support the students on the evening and were treated to a fantastic evening's entertainment.

In addition to the music, there was an auction of promises and a raffle. The auction included an hour of gardening from one of the pupils, a car wash by two of the younger boys, and donated items such as colourful saris and a free spray tan.

The auction alone raised £200 for CAFOD's Philippines appeal.

Sully U3A is guided through a legal minefield

THE Sully U3A's guest speaker at the April meeting was Julia Barrell, Mental Capacity Act Manager for Cardiff and Vale University Health Board.

The Act came into being in 2005 and Julia guided members through the complicated processes required to make an advance decision to refuse treatment and lasting powers of attorney.

MUST BE VALID

She explained that an advance decision has to be valid and applicable to the situation.

Lasting powers of attorney allow someone a person chooses, to make decisions for them should they become incapacitated. Julia's talk gave members a lot to think about and because there were so many questions, she stayed to chat over a cup of tea.

Chairman, Gill Mathias, thanked Julia for such a clear explanation of the issues involved.

Sully U3A meets at 2pm on the second Thursday of the month in the Old School, Sully when new members are welcome.

On May 8 the speaker will be David Powell, who will be speaking on astronomy.

LIFE-SAVING GIFT FROM BARRY ROTARY CLUB

FOLLOWING a very interesting talk by Brian Foley from the Vale's first responder team, the Barry Rotary Club took on the job of providing four defibrillator units for the town.

Brian explained: "Sudden cardiac arrest requires immediate treatment with a defibrillator. The electric shock can restore a normal rhythm to a heart. Every minute is critical, so having locally available units instead of waiting for an ambulance can be the difference between life and death".

The four units, provided in conjunction with Welsh Hearts, are being placed around town in places that are convenient for access, and someone dialling 999 would be immediately directed to the nearest place having one.

The first defibrillator

was handed over to Steve

Case, owner of Habana's



ABOVE: Barry Rotary Club president Peter Battle with Brian Foley handing over the 'High Street' defibrillator to Steve Case, owner of Habana's.

Bar and Grill, on Barry support the community unnecessary death is by making the unit widely recognized, and open every day and available for need in the we at Barry Rotary felt it very important to see High Street area". Other units will go to local traders have been given awareness training... although the units "talk" when opened, giving instructions for their use, and can therefore be used by anyone.

Steve said: "We are very happy to be able to play in preventing

anyone near Barry High Street".

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Amelia Trust guests are welcomed at Bonvilston

THE sun shone at St Cadoc's Church on Palm Sunday, with special visitors from the Amelia Trust, Bonvilston.

Arthur and Merlin are seen above being held by Rev Dr Mark Diamond,

and Anneli. Also in the picture are Alice Davies and Mae Thomas, both from the village.

The service took place mostly outside in the sunshine, before walking the donkeys around the perimeter of the church.

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'Merger would be a disaster'

INOTE the comments made on The GEM letters page by my Independent colleague, Phil Clarke (Rhoose) and would like to make it clear that I do not support his views regarding merging the Vale with Cardiff Council.

I cannot agree with his views, as a merger with Cardiff would be a takeover and evidence has shown in the past that under South Glamorgan we had 75 per cent of the road network and only 25 per cent of the funding, which is just one piece of evidence to support this.

The current situation certainly is unsustainable as he says, but I believe it would be more beneficial to join with Bridgend rather than Cardiff.

It was a real surprise to me that Coun Clarke did not vote with the

majority against a merger with Cardiff on a recent motion to Full Council. He was a lone voice out of those present, which surprised me when the Vale is a better performing council than Cardiff – a fact recorded by the Welsh Local Government Association.

Additionally, I feel that we should now have a public referendum on this matter and let the public have a say before any mergers take place.

Yes, the council tax increase was high here in the Vale, but that is because we are not getting our fair share of funding from the Labour-led Welsh Government and agree this was wrong but we all should be lobbying for a fair share per head.

It is a struggle, but if we merge with Cardiff Council it would be a disaster for us in the Vale and we would be sorry in years to come.

Richard Bertin, Barry (Independent councillor, Vale Council)

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'Spare a thought for planners'

SPARE a thought for the planners in Vale of Glamorgan Council...bombardeed by applications, besieged by objections, intimidated by appeals, what would you do in their position?

Seek guidance from the robust Local Development Plan? Sorry, there isn't one. Request more resources to cope with increased work load? Sorry, budgets must be reduced (even though the recent rise in Council Tax is one of the highest in UK). Challenge Planning Policy Wales' 10,000 new houses target? Sorry, your Draft LDP needs an additional 1,000 houses (on top of the original 10,000).

And it does not stop there. Under the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) if you build 10 houses, you have to contribute 30 per cent to social housing. Under the first DLDP, that was reduced to five houses. Under the second DLDP, if you build just one property, 35 per cent (of the development cost) would be allocated to the social housing fund.

This will prevent the small in-filling or single developments that are typical in villages.

This proposal is applicable only to the Vale of Glamorgan Council which is committed to driving development towards mini-estates in villages – that destroys their rural character.

Who is to blame for this? The Government you elect is the Government you deserve.'

Paul Simpson, Colwinston

'Tree-cutting can be beneficial'

IAM writing concerning letters in recent editions of The GEM about cutting down trees on Rhoose Point; whilst this type of landscape management appears drastic at first sight, it is in fact beneficial for wildlife.

The trees have been coppiced, which is a woodland management technique used in Britain for many centuries. They will quickly regrow from the stumps as can be seen in the areas that

were coppiced in 2013. Rather than killing trees, coppicing generally extends their life.

Coppice management gives a much more diverse range of wildlife. After cutting, the increased light lets vegetation grow vigorously. Brambles will cover the tree stools, encouraging insects and small mammals which use it as protection.

Woodpiles encourage many insects like beetles. As the coppice grows, the canopy closes which attracts different plants and animals until it is cut, re-starting the cycle.

The Buddleia did provide some benefits for nectaring insects during the flowering season. However, that needs to be balanced against it being a non-native plant that supports few species compared to our native flora.

Worse still, it outcompetes rare and endangered native plants and invertebrates on Rhoose Point that require warm, sunny, exposed ground for their continued survival.

A group of residents started this work last April with a view to developing the area for

the use of residents, but progress was limited without this work by the council.

The coppicing of seven small woodland blocks is part of the original landscape management plan drawn up 10 or so years ago, and as far as I am aware, all work is based on these plans not residents' requests.

The area has been heavily neglected and personally I am pleased that the council is now acting upon its responsibilities to the benefit of wildlife and residents as originally planned for Rhoose Point.

Adam Mantell, Rhoose

Politics without the rancour...

LAST week's letter in The GEM from Coun Gwyn John of Llantwit Major, about my longstanding involvement in Vale politics, was somewhat predictable, and also in rather poor taste.

Like many councillors currently in power, there is a noticeable tendency to rubbish the views of those with whom they take issue over anything and everything, and this Llantwit representative would appear to be no different to his peers, unfortunately.

What I was seeking to point out was that his group of Independents in Llantwit Major might well be a force in their own community, but carry little weight in the wider Vale of Glamorgan, where big party politics rules the day, most of the time.

That, of course, is why their leader chose to join the socialists in Barry, and help promote the latter's agenda of high council tax rises each year, coupled with cuts in the education budgets, which have taken tens of thousands of pounds away from our local secondary schools, who are now being asked by a Labour education minister in Cardiff Bay to improve their performance.

Gwyn knows perfectly well that I have always worked hard on behalf of my

constituents, and continue to do so as a community councillor, so his assertions about Sully are somewhat frivolous.

As many residents in that fine village are finding – as they continue to be plagued by travelling people, and the threat of thousands of new houses under the draft LDP, issues in which the recently-elected Independent councillors have totally failed in their attempts to resolve those problems for the people they currently represent.

But surely you might ask – Is an Independent councillor really independent – or does he or she actually affiliate to a political party? I fail to see how an Independent can claim to be Independent as Gwyn does, when actually belonging to a registered party with its own logo and published manifesto, in similar manner to the other groups in the Vale who actually declare their ideals.

Not that Llantoniens can see much change in their village since they first elected Gwyn's team, other than those brought in by the Conservatives during the last decade.

Fortunately, I have several other friends amongst the Llantwit Independents, and will cheerfully engage with them on a variety of interesting subjects. Coun Anthony Ernest, Penarth (former Conservative member of the Vale Council)

Time to realise assets!

As a resident whose view is directly onto No 1 dock at Barry, any use of this is to be welcomed – but I hope this will not be at the expense of the future development of one of Barry's greatest assets.

A watersports centre will not bring any extra jobs or revenue: what is

needed is a marina which would not only create much-needed employment and business opportunities, but millions of pounds in revenue.

Let's have no more excuses, because that is all they are.

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Bob Wheatley, Barry

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Council seeks proposals for St Paul's site

South Wales Central Tory AM, Andrew RT Davies, has claimed that the Vale Council is "ignoring the wishes of residents" in Penarth over the future use of St Paul's church.

He said the plans were discussed at a recent cabinet meeting and councillors said that it had been a "headache" dealing with the future use of the site.

However, the council insists it is working towards a long-term solution.

Mr Davies, who last month met with Penarth Boxing Club, said: "Last year, the council held a public vote on the future of the church with residents overwhelmingly backing a long-term future for the gym and boxing clubs.

"It now seems as though the council's

dithering over making a decision has allowed them a convenient way to earmark it for demolition and development. In 2011, the renovation costs would have been a fraction of what they are now.

"The boxing club has been put in an impossible position. They were asked to submit a business proposal to the council but not told how much rent they would have to pay."

The Vale Council's Rob Thomas told The GEM: "On March 24, the cabinet considered a report that outlined a way forward for the reuse of the building for community purposes.

"Both clubs will have the opportunity to put forward proposals for bringing the building back into use as will

all other groups with an interest in doing so. It is recognised that the building has deteriorated, but the council is awaiting a suitable proposal for a sustainable and long-term future for the site," he explained

Ambulance Service award

THE Welsh Ambulance Service has been awarded the Corporate Health Standard for its commitment to improve the health and wellbeing of its workforce.

The Trust, which employs more than 3,000 people, was granted the bronze award following a two-day assessment.

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Out & about

Valeways walks

ON Sunday, April 27 at 2pm, 'Coastal Footpath and Golden Stairs', at Porthkerry Country Park, starting at the cafe car park.

Also on April 27 at 2.30pm, 'Clychau'r Gog (bluebells)', maes parcio Bryngarw Country Park car park.

On Wednesday, April 30 at 10.30am, the coffee shop strollers

holding their monthly advice surgery on Saturday, April 19 from 10am – 11.30am in the meeting room of Barry Library, King's Square. No appointment necessary.

Barnardo's coffee

MAKE a date for a Barnardo's coffee morning on Tuesday, May 6 at 10.30am in the Hernonstone Hotel, Ewenny Road, Bridgend.

Stalls include tombola, cakes and accessories.

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charity is working alongside anaesthetic and intensive care doctors from all over Wales to teach important life-saving skills to schoolchildren.

A spokeswoman explained: "Hour-long sessions will provide a thorough understanding of basic life support.

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Contact Welsh Hearts on 029 2078 6521, or email fundraising@welshhearts.org

Join the Easter 'Walk of Witness' in Barry

THE Good Friday 'Walk of Witness' takes place on Friday, April 18 and begins at the Parade Gardens (opposite the Ship Hotel) at 12 noon.

It is hoped to reach the final station at King's Square about 1.30pm.

Station one is at the Parade Gardens, where 'Gethsemane' will be read by Rev Peter Taylor.

Any wishing to use the facilities at AG Adams are more than welcome to do so before walkers proceed through Holton Road to the final station at King's Square.

Station five, the final station, will be at King's Square.

'Crucifixion' will be read by Mike Holmes. 33 white balloons will be released at the square after the final reading.

Hot cross buns will be available and at the Tabernacle Welsh Church, there will be refreshments.

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'Onesie Wednesday' gives a sweet taste of success at Heronsbridge!

Teachers and staff get into the spirit of Onesie Wednesday.

PUPILS and staff at Heronsbridge School danced, ate and drank their way to a sweet donation for charity – all in their onesies!

Everyone at the school donned their favourite nightwear and took part in a day of money-raising activities for the Bridgend branch of the National Autistic Society on 'Onesie Wednesday', a campaign run by the charity to raise awareness of the issues surrounding autism on World Autism Awareness Day.

As part of the fundraising frolics, the pupils raised £160 by taking part in a 'Zumbathon' and munching on cupcakes which parents and staff had baked to sell. Tesco Extra in Bridgend also donated cakes.

The school's coffee shop, which its pupils help to run, also donated the day's profits to the cause, which took the total raised through the pyjama-clad activities to £250.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for

children and young people, said: "Congratulations to the children and staff at Heronsbridge School for getting into the spirit of Onesie Wednesday and raising £250 for charity.

"The school is passionate about fundraising for a range of local, national and international causes, so it's no surprise that the pupils and staff have made such a 'onesie-ful' effort on behalf of the National Autistic Society."

Onesie Wednesday formed part of a busy week for the school, as it also held a family information day in its Heron Hall. More than 20 different organisations attended and gave advice and information to local parents of children with additional needs.

Headteacher Glynis James said: "I'm really proud of all the pupils

and staff who danced their socks off for charity on World Autism Awareness Day.

"Thanks to the parents and staff who baked cakes for the cause, and to Tesco Extra for donating cakes".



The school's coffee shop donated the day's profits to the cause.



Teachers and staff got into the spirit of Onesie Wednesday.

TV presenter Ruth asks you to swap your night out for a Night In with Macmillan

VALE-based ITV presenter Ruth Wignall is asking residents to host a 'Night In for Macmillan' on May 16 – to help the charity support people affected by cancer.

She has shown her backing for the event by taking part in a Night In

photo shoot for Macmillan with her mother, Liz Dodsworth.

Night In asks people to invite friends to a catch-up and meal.

Everyone donates what they would have spent on a night out and the money goes to help people with cancer.

Ruth, who grew up in the Gower, is supporting Night In after her family had help from

Macmillan when her grandfather was diagnosed with cancer.

She explained: "Our involvement with Macmillan started when my grandfather was diagnosed with prostate cancer and secondary bone cancer 20 years

ago. "He was ill for such a long time and the degeneration was quite brutal, but Macmillan made all the difference to my man and my mum.

"They did home visits, they helped with the practicality of it all and they were someone to talk to at such a lonely time – they were an extension of the family.

"There's strength in numbers and you're not alone – that's where Macmillan is so good."

Her family's link with the charity has continued after her father Stephen Dodsworth was diagnosed with blood cancer three years ago.



Ruth Wignall (right) with her mum, Liz Dodsworth.

The 63-year-old had an operation to remove a secondary tumour on his spine following his diagnosis, but doctors could not remove it completely because of its location.

Mother-of-two Ruth said: "Dad has a type of blood cancer and he's doing really well. He has a really good quality of life, but we know that won't always be the case.

"Knowing that Macmillan is there and

it's really doable," Ruth said. Whether you're donating the price of a bottle of wine and a pizza, every little bit helps."

To take part and get your Night In kit visit www.macmillan.org.uk/nightin or call 0300 1000 200.

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RIGHT: Alun Cairns is greeted by his son Henri, on completion of his marathon run.

Shattered MP's 'PB' in London Marathon

THE Vale MP, Alun Cairns, who ran the London Marathon last Sunday in aid of Ty Hapus, the Alzheimer's care unit in Barr, and the local branch of Marie Curie Cancer Care, has raised



almost £6,000 "so far" – with more to come in.

He joined a field of more than 30,000 runners, including seven MPs and ran a personal best time of 3 hours and 34 minutes, beating his nearest rival MP, Ed Timpson, by more than eight minutes. Shadow Chancellor, Ed Balls, completed the course in 4 hours 57 mins.

Afterwards, Mr Cairns reported: "Although it was great fun and exhausting at the same time, the most important thing for me is to thank everyone for their generous support in aid of Ty Hapus and Marie Curie.

"The response from constituents has been phenomenal. I feel so humbled that so many people have pledged support, many on an anonymous basis, and others in memory of people that passed on. Thank you so much."

"When I finished, I was shattered but so pleased. I managed to improve on my previous marathon attempts by some five minutes. The emotional and inspirational stories of so many supporters and runners and the fantastic backing from the crowds carried me through the last few miles.

"Ty Hapus is a unique and specialist daytime service for people with early onset Alzheimers and other dementias, and Marie Curie Cancer Care is dedicated to the care of people with terminal illness.

"The money I raise by completing the London Marathon will go towards supporting the services offered by both of these charities which are invaluable to residents across Barry and the Vale."

To sponsor the MP and support Ty Hapus and Marie Curie, log onto www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairnsmp.

St Brides pupils join a wild Welsh weekend!

OVER 230 applicants from across Wales applied for free National Garden Centre vouchers, as part of Keep Wales Tidy's 'Have a Wild Weekend for Wales' campaign.

Funded by Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales and the proceeds from the single use carrier bag charge, the aim of the weekend-long campaign was to encourage people to improve food sources and natural habitat for pollinators in Wales.

Volunteers from St Brides Major Church in Wales Primary School rolled up their sleeves, got back to nature and gave bees and butterflies a helping hand in the school grounds.

They won £150 in National Garden Centre vouchers which they then used to buy two apple trees, gardening

gloves, buddleia and various herbs and flowers to create two butterfly borders adjacent to the school junior yard and field.

During Wild Weekend the school eco club designed the garden and then the year-4 class planted the trees, dug and planted flowers and herbs to transform this part of the school grounds after the recent classroom extensions.

Colin Decker, who volunteered to assist the pupils with the planting, said: "It was great to see so many pupils get involved in this project. 'Wild Weekend' has enabled us to make a huge improvement to the pollen and nectar that's on offer in the school grounds and hopefully this will benefit our local environment and wildlife."

"Key Stage 2 pupils cannot wait to see the apples grow and are asking who will get to eat them!"

Disaster relief worker tells Rotarians of RedR

DINAS POWYS Rotarians welcomed speaker Peter Nuttall, a disaster relief co-ordinator with RedR, to their recent meeting at the Huntsman Restaurant.

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of the major chartered engineering institutions among its patrons, RedR has offices across the world, but is based in the UK.

"We heard not only an excellent presentation concerning the history and current actions of RedR, but also a presentation of Peter's own experiences of the reality of working on the ground in disaster hit areas of the world, providing essential immediate assistance and training."

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VALE MP's VIEWPOINT

'Inspiring tales that carried me through the Marathon'

THIS week, I joined a field of over 35,000 runners to start the 26.2 mile London Marathon.

This was my third London Marathon and as in other years the emotional and inspirational stories of so many supporters and runners with the fantastic backing from the crowds carried me through the last few miles.

It certainly worked as I was delighted to finish as the fastest of eight MPs who ran.

My reason for running, however, is much more important – each year I try to raise money for local charities – this year, Ty Hapus, the Alzheimer's respite care unit in Barry and the local branch of Marie Curie Cancer.

Ty Hapus is a unique and specialist day time service for people with early onset Alzheimer's

and other dementias; Marie Curie Cancer Care is dedicated to the care of people with terminal illness. Both are very close to my heart in that the lives of two very special people to me needed the kind of support they offer.

The money raised will go towards the services they provide which are invaluable to residents across Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan.

I feel so humbled to have received so much support from constituents. So far, I have raised around £6,000 and all donations make a real difference. Some who donated have done so anonymously and others have contributed in memory of a loved one who has passed on.

These charities, like others, are best placed to know how the money should be spent. Their care and support is at the heart of what they do.

They draw people to



work or volunteer because they are passionate about caring and making a difference. I am thrilled to see projects that show people coming together to improve the lives of others and strengthen our society.

During my time as your MP, I have had the privilege of meeting and seeing first hand the work of so many charities across all parts of Barry and the Vale.

I pay tribute to the tireless efforts that keep the Vale of Glamorgan so

vibrant and strong.

It is impossible to name them all but just over recent times I have seen excellent work conducted by groups that save public departments, such as Social Services, hundreds of thousands of pounds by reducing dependency and facilitating a better quality of life.

Age Connects (formerly Age Concern) whose shop on Holton Road provides a host of invaluable kinds of activities and support for older people; Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern is a first class example of a community coming together to support its vulnerable residents; Rotary, Probus and Lions Clubs support so many events and raise huge sums, as do Women's Institutes and the Soroptimists. Barry Beavers Disabled Swimming Club ensures that people with special needs participate on an equal footing; church

groups of all denominations run festivals and Foodbanks – and are always available to help.

Other groups could include Atal y Fro, New Hope in Llantwit, RNLI, Mind in the Vale and so many more.

These all too often are the unsung heroes of our community – and there are countless more.

I could fill a page in The GEM just by naming the remainder. Please don't be offended if I haven't named your group. The Vale Centre for Voluntary Services and the Vale Volunteers Bureau provide fantastic support to charities and individuals. If you want to get involved, please let me know.

Although I've completed the marathon it's still not too late to support and if you would like to support Ty Hapus and Marie Curie please log onto www.virginmoneygiving.com/aluncairnsmp.

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This splendid little book is the bittersweet memoir of a south Wales railway man who followed his father's footsteps and became a signalman in the early 1950s.

This was at a time when working on the railways was a much sought after job and, usually for life. The work was hard but varied with an opportunity to 'climb the ladder'. With great sadness, the author witnessed the rapid decline of the industry but, years later, a new chapter occurred.

A demand, once more, for rail transport meant that some former lines opened again. One was the passenger service in the Llynfi Valley to Maesteg which reopened in October 1990.

With plenty of interesting and humourous anecdotes, it is a must for all ex-railway workers.

BRIAN LEE

Railway society lecture

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Pupils are being tested on all sorts of skills, both physical and mental, and have to work together to win each challenge, and work towards some exciting prizes.

'Challenge Camp' is taking place today (Thursday, April 17) from 9.30am until 3.30pm and is completely free of charge to everyone in years 5 and 6.

For more information, contact 01656 789966.

Charity Easter egg hunt

ARTHRITIS Research UK is raising funds to help the 15,000 young children in the UK who have juvenile idiopathic arthritis, by holding a charity

Easter egg hunt at the Nature Trail, Cottrell Park Golf Resort at 12 noon on Saturday, April 19.

Tickets cost £5 each for children (adults go free) and each child participating will receive a small Easter gift for taking part in the event.

Further fundraising activities will take place and prizes will be given for the largest individual egg collected, the smallest individual egg collected and the most eggs of a particular colour.

For further information and tickets contact Anna-Marie Jones, regional fundraising manager on 029 20 512 438/ 07854 440 769 or a.jones@arthritisresearchuk.org.

St Helen's welcome

THE Lenten journey leads to the three days that make up the Easter Triduum at St Helen's Roman Catholic church, which culminates on Easter Sunday.

April 17, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm; Good Friday, April 18 celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3pm; Holy Saturday, April 19 Easter Vigil at 8pm; Easter Sunday, April 20 Morning Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am.

Gardening club

THE next meeting of the Cowbridge Gardening Club will be the AGM and social evening at the Lesser Town Hall, Cowbridge,

at 7.30pm on April 24

Island tennis

BARRY Athletic Tennis Club (located on Barry Island next to the cricket ground) will be holding its open day on Saturday, April 26 (1.30pm start).

The club has a men's team in Division one, and a ladies' team in Division six of the inter-club summer doubles leagues, with matches taking place between May and July.

The coaching team at Vale Tennis Academy hold a junior morning on Sunday mornings (with a nominal charge).

Contact Carolyn Gatt on 07836 758954, or visit website www.barrytennis.co.uk.

Bowls open day

BARRY Athletic Bowls Club on Barry Island will hold an 'open day' on Sunday, April 27 at 2pm and welcomes new and experienced bowlers of any age or sex to try out the game.

Wear trainers or flat soled heel-less shoes. All other equipment will be provided.

Contact secretary, Clive Cottrell on 01446 410708.

Bethesda choir

ON May 19 at 7.30pm in Salem Baptist Church, Beryl Road, Barry, the Bethesda Community Choir

from Dinas Powys will be singing a selection of lively Gospel music.

Tickets are £5 adults, £3 children including refreshments, available at the door, or by telephoning 07760666372. Proceeds to Salem Church.

Screen Talk's summer blockbuster preview!



by
GARETH JAMIESON
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animal make its cinematic debut as Pudsey: The Movie barks his way onto screens.

The Wachowskis will be hoping for some of *The Matrix*'s critical and box office love on July 25 with their Channing Tatum/Mila Kunis-starring sci-fi-actioner *Jupiter Ascending*, while Marvel release their riskiest film yet, with the *Guardians of the Galaxy* (among them a violent raccoon and a talking tree) aiming to save the universe, on August 1.

We catch up with Will, Simon, Neil and Jay in *The Inbetweeners Movie* 2 on August 27.

There's one for the kids on July 4 with *How To Train Your Dragon 2* catches up with Hiccup and his dragon, before Michael Bay's no doubt headache-inducing *X-Men: Days of Future Past* out on May 22, which sees the past and present X-casts brought together to battle the mutant-killing Sentinels.

The following day sees a special delivery to cinemas via a bright red van as the privatised *Postman Pat: The Movie* makes its bow, and a week later (May 30) Angelina Jolie's take on classic Disney villain Maleficent battles against Tom Cruise and Emily Blunt in Doug Liman's *Groundhog Day-meets-Doom Edge of Tomorrow*.

June 6 sees two comedies fight it out as sequel 22 *Jump Street* goes up against Seth MacFarlane's eagerly-anticipated *Ted* follow-up, *A Million Ways to Die in the West*, and there then follows a

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FFORDD-Y-GOEDWIG, Kenfig Hill author Angharad Rees is on her way to securing a publishing deal, following in her great-grandmother poet Margaret Matthews-Rees' footsteps.

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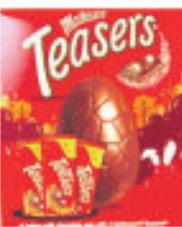
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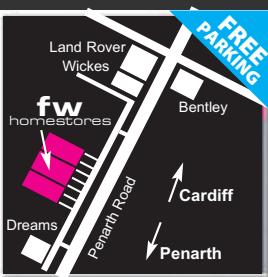
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SOUTHERNDOWN WI NEWS ROUND-UP

THE absence of the expected speaker did not daunt Southerndown WI members from enjoying a stimulating monthly meeting.

President Meryl dealt thoroughly with the county letter, discussing recent and future outings – the annual council meeting at Port Talbot on May 7, institute link meeting and a charity fashion show in September, proceeds of which to be donated to Alzheimer's society as a tribute to a past member, Maureen Ward.

Much time was spent describing the election procedure at next month's AGM. It was

explained that any member can stand for committee. A rather more serious aspect of NFWI is the annual proposal of a resolution at its AGM, a choice decided by all members.

This year, it is 'Increasing organ donation'. There was a lengthy discussion, members airing their views freely both for and against.

The main bone of contention was the fact that the Welsh system differs from the English. In a pre-vote, the branch voted to abstain.

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OVER the weekend, I was out exploring the coastline and came upon the beautiful setting where Dunraven Castle used to stand, just above the beach of Southerndown.

Sitting at an elevation of 40 metres above sea level, this climb is the perfect place for this week's challenge.

Choose a calm day and head out for a hill challenge with the family. The idea is to get the whole family to the castle entrance, starting at the car park, as fast as possible.

This one is all about teamwork – and there is nothing wrong with giving each other a helping hand. Make sure you record your time and if you have the energy, jog back to the bottom and try and beat your time on a second attempt.

Don't forget to warm up. On my website is a map showing the hill climb and a circular route around the castle and the gardens. Put some time aside during Easter and give it a go, you'll definitely feel the burn in your legs in the evening.

Did you know, due to its spectacular setting, Dunraven castle was once used as a location for Doctor Who?

Set yourself the challenge and let us know how you get on, log onto www.burnseries.co.uk/you/radventure for full details.

I've always thought that hill climbing is as much in the mind as it is in the legs. Have you ever noticed that as soon as you approach a climb, you automatically slow down, even before

you've begun the climb?

To try and combat this, I always make myself speed up leading to a climb, so that when the climb begins I return to my normal speed. It's worked for me so far!

Make sure you join me next week for more adventures. See Column Footnote on

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Maria Leijerstam

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If you rent your home and your landlord or agent requested a bond from you, do you know where your bond is? If not, your bond may have not been registered. Your landlord or agent must register your bond with a government approved scheme within 30 days of receipt.

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ADVERTISEMENT much as £3,000 on an average property.

If your bond was registered after 30 days of receipt, you can still claim the above. We are able to take on cases on a no win no fee basis. Providing you have not damaged your property or failed to pay your rent, we are happy to claim the above for you.

In some circumstances until the bond is returned to you the landlord cannot recover possession of the property.

With regard to notices, the majority of notices we see that are served on tenants are invalid. If a notice is invalid then a tenant does not have to vacate the property. It can be quite difficult to calculate

the dates of a notice and the consequences of an invalid notice including wasted time and cost.

If you have been served a notice and you would like to obtain advice on whether it is valid or not, then please speak to one of our housing team who will be happy to advise you. If the notice is invalid we can write to the landlord on your behalf for as little as £50 plus VAT. As a tenant if you have any other problems such as finding the locks at the property have been changed, your landlord has accessed your property without permission, or the property is in a state of disrepair, we may be able to assist you on a no win no fee basis.

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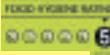
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Izmir Turkish restaurant serves the best of Turkish and Greek cuisine. Highly rated on TripAdvisor it can boast of a belly dancer for customers' entertainment.

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High Street and Broad Street can offer an array of evening dining with many top eating establishments from The Gallery, Casa Paco and Chaplin's to 'food on the go' with local takeaways.

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Rockpool salad – crayfish, prawns, flaked crab and poached salmon in a light dressing with mixed salad.

Halloumi sunburst (v) – Grilled Halloumi cheese with roasted red peppers, pineapple and sweet chilli sauce, rice and mixed salad.

Chicken bacon avocado – Grilled chicken with crispy bacon and avocado slices, sweetcorn, cheese, mixed salad and garlic croutons.

Meze Salad Bowl(v) – humus, tzatziki, toasted pitta strips, apple, walnut, feta, chickpea and pinenut bites, roasted peppers, olives and mixed salad.

Aegean Salad – Crispy fried calamari rings with leaves, crumbled feta cheese, red onions, olives, tzatziki, cherry tomatoes and olive oil.

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ABOVE:

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EASTER is a special time in Barry's West End and is marked with the longstanding tradition of the High Street Bonnet Parade – this Saturday, April 19 – all ages welcome!

The acting chairman of High Street traders, Bob Armstrong of Doctor Bob Balloons Unlimited, said he was looking forward to lots of competitors on the big day.

"We're looking forward to seeing people with their bonnets from the age of four to the age of 100.

"All the fun starts at Habanas at 10.30am when there will be the traditional procession up and down the street before judging back at Habanas.

"The age categories are four to eight, nine to 14 and 15 to 100."

And when Bob says 100, he means it!

"We used to have a lady who would turn up in her Easter bonnet in her late 80s and early 90s!"

"The judging will be conducted by the Assembly Member Jane Hutt, the local MP Alun Cairns and, we hope, the Barry Mayor."

Every year there is a healthy turnout.

"The fewest people we have had would be around 40, which is still quite high, and shows how much people enjoy the tradition."

"This year it looks as if the weather will be nice. The event creates a nice buzz and gets the children excited."

"It is great fun when the procession goes up and down High Street. Many of the traders are keen to see 'creations' people are wearing."

NEW ARRIVAL

High Street has cultivated an enviable reputation over many decades for the friendliness of its business owners and the high standards of service, so it is no surprise new businesses are keen to locate there.

Beautiful Lily is this year's new arrival. Helen Huggins' stylish shop is for those who love flowers, plants and garden gifts.

"We always have fresh flowers and gifts for every sort of occasion – weddings, funerals or family celebrations."

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ABOVE: Beautiful Lily is a new arrival on High Street and will provide a real boost for your home and garden.



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Helen supplies planters, baskets and even has exclusive local rights for Laura Ashley garden products. The shop also provides garden maintenance services.

Marie Jones has just celebrated her first anniversary at Giggles which sells a wonderful range of both traditional and modern toys that delight youngsters.

Giggles also hosts one of the best kept secrets in Barry – Photoart, a gallery run by Barbra Archdale-Smith.

Barbra has been a keen photographer for many years and after obtaining her Associateship Of The Royal Photographic Society (ARPS) decided to take her craft to the next level by becoming a professional photographer.

She has developed many images, both local and international, to retail in the gallery and has also developed a selection of cards to complement the work on display.

All her photographic images may be purchased in frames, on mounts or on 'FotoBlocks', as well as the range of cards, which are proving very popular.

Barbra also chairs Barry Camera Club, and is supportive and encouraging of new and enthusiastic photographers wishing to become involved in imagery.

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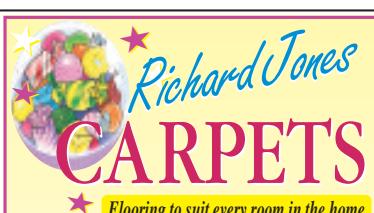
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Councillor rallies to plight of Kes



VALE of Glamorgan biodiversity champion, Coun Rob Curtis, has donated three kestrel nest boxes, which he made himself, to the countryside wardens at the Heritage Coast based at Southerndown.

He explained: "Kestrels, once among the most common birds of prey in Britain, have suffered a dramatic fall in their numbers.

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Branch Manager Phil Powell feels that it's all about service. 'Our product is simple. If your double glazing is misted up we can replace the glass at a fraction of the cost of a new window, in any type of frame, and with a new 5 year guarantee. But it's not just about saving people money, although

that obviously helps. Many tradespeople have struggled since last year and I honestly feel that during the good times a majority perhaps didn't focus on customer care as much as they should have done. We make sure we turn up when we say we will, do the job the customer requires and leave their house or flat as a whole. I often get comments back from customers on how they really didn't expect that sort of service which, in a way, is very sad for the service industry as a whole.'

Cloudy2Clear service the Vale, Bridgend, RCT and Porthcawl areas and Phil is finding that his

approach is a major factor in his success. 'The main is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've

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Wanted: warm weather for the hives' foragers!

SPRING is definitely here but as of yet I have not carried out any in depth inspections at any of the apiaries.

The weather is always the dominant factor when you wish to open up a hive and observe what is or is not proceeding and the present conditions are not at all suitable.

At the beginning of any year, pollen is a crucial input for the welfare of all colonies. What is needed now are some dry and warmer days so that the forager bees can get out and about and collect this vital substance.

I have made several visits to the apiaries to observe the comings and goings, and what I see is very encouraging.

All of the colonies were fed and treated for Varroa Mites in September of last year; however, I have added foodstuff to one or two of the colonies that are showing a lot of activity and, of course, I am regularly checking the contents of the trays I have in place on the underneath of several of them.

Two colonies, in particular, are revealing high numbers of mites (dead, of course) and I must take steps to reduce the infestation in these two colonies because problems will arise if I ignore the situation.

How do I know the numbers are high? Well, the contents of the trays are removed and put into containers that bear colonies' details. Later on, back home, using a large light assisted magnifier, I can

examine the hive debris and start to count individual mites.

These two particular hives are showing counts of 110 and 100. Other colonies are only showing 5.7, 9 and less. As all of the colonies received the same mite treatment, something needs to be done.

This year, as in previous years, there will be newcomers to the craft of beekeeping, all of course eager to get started and as soon as conditions allow myself and others will introduce them to the apiaries and take them through the various steps required when handling a colony of bees.

Apart from the theory, it is the actual hands-on experience that counts, not every newcomer is comfortable with the live bee side of things and previously one or two have decided against becoming beekeepers, but in the main, the fascination of the internal workings of a colony gets to you and you want to know more.

We do need more beekeepers and the pollinating insects are the unsung heroes of the planet we live on. Their existence is under threat and we ignore this situation at our peril. The need for the youngsters to take up beekeeping is of paramount importance; I am getting older and must some day give up my bee activity.

Education authorities could well help here by introducing a school project and contacting the Welsh Assembly who do have a Pollinator action plan.

HAROLD WILLIAMS

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan Crackerjackpot lottery draw number

- £2,000: 160573.
- The rollover, which now stands at £9,500 was not won this week.
- £10: 465173; 669359; 116924; 799566; 374464; 162998; 933887; 634238; 897280; 461843; 653760; 182040; 549275; 377458; 515004; 985702; 120310; 167832; 114631; 195323.
- £5: 848851; 490853; 321673; 424924; 734029; 387333; 713816; 335100; 710625; 176112; 777432;

301463; 253533; 809225; 537886; 497197; 864776; 474269; 660832; 601062; 670686; 764068; 652040; 494727; 738921; 59021; 365262; 494688; 325017; 541063; 690112; 454881; 768650; 679673; 550046; 421664; 870882; 537188; 807617; 921201; 788521; 527852; 834020; 932443; 415476; 483372; 566497; 326006; 822317; 599444; 461187; 915271; 443230; 113301; 583490; 149987; 573018.

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IPAD GIFT OFFERS WINDOW FOR LEARNING AT COWBRIDGE COMPREHENSIVE

Cowbridge Comprehensive School students have taken delivery of a brand new iPad as part of a local business' scheme to invest in IT for schools.

Securahome, which has showrooms in Ewenny Garden Centre Bridgend and Gorseinon, Swansea, is giving away iPads to schools across Wales as part of its 20th anniversary celebrations.

The iPad was presented to assistant head Jonathan Ling, who explained the how tablet computers are used to aid learning in the school.

"iPads are used across the curriculum, for subjects from English through to Chemistry," he said. "We have subject specific educational apps on them as well as books for children to read in the library, teachers also use them to write their subject blogs, so this donation will get good use!"



Securahome sales and marketing manager Nigel Hocking (far left) presents an iPad to assistant head Jonathan Ling and pupils at Cowbridge Comprehensive School.

The company's MD Jason Jenkins said: "We've had a large number of referrals and recommendations from customers over our 20 years in business and so wanted to give something back to say 'thank you'."

"As a father I know how important and useful IT is for learning, so donating iPads to schools seemed to be a natural way of giving something back to the community that has supported us so well."

Under the scheme, customers who are making an enquiry or referral can nominate a school to receive an iPad. Each month, Securahome will hold a draw of the names submitted, with the winner receiving an iPad.

Mr Ling added: "We are very pleased to be supporting this scheme. It is good to see a local business invest in the community in this way."

The scheme was also commended by Gowerton AM and Minister for Science, Enterprise and Transport Elin Jones at its launch earlier this month.

Mrs Hart said: "Good companies accept their corporate social responsibility, and it's wonderful to see someone who has built a successful business from scratch take this seriously and give something back to the community."

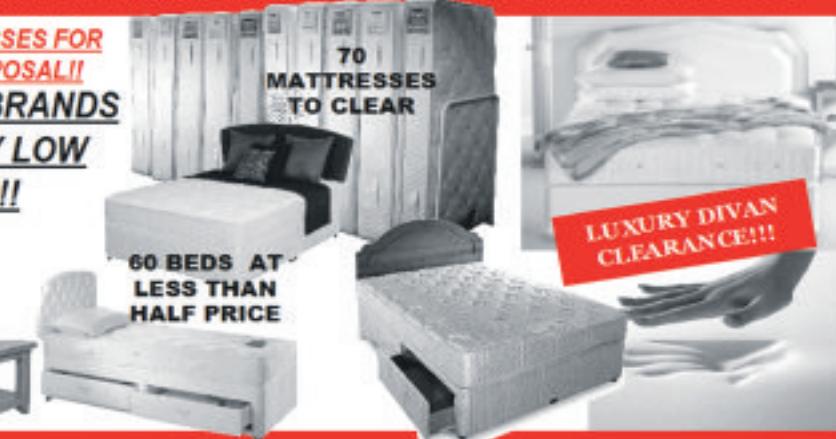
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HOW 'OXBRIDGE OF THE DARK AGES' BECAME LEAFY LLANTWIT

by PHILIP IRWIN

RECENTLY, the Vale Council commissioned consultants to cast their eyes over towns in the Vale, and form a strategy to help them prosper and find a 'unique selling point' – as the business studies jargon likes to say.

When the consultants' report looked at Llantwit Major, it wasted no time on singling the town out for its 'exceptional attributes'.

Those attributes will come as no surprise to the town's residents – and people who know their way around the Vale will be well aware of them, too.

The consultants enthused: "Llantwit Major benefits from some exceptional attributes, being located at the gateway to the Glamorgan Heritage Coast, with an intriguing historical association with Welsh saints, an attractive historical quarter, a railway station and extensive car parking".

In fact, the phrase "attractive historical quarter" is under-selling Llantwit, if anything, because the narrow lanes, lined with buildings that are full of character, are a delight to meander through.

Add to that the charms of St Illtud's Church, which has benefited enormously from the addition of the Galilee Chapel, and you can spend a very relaxing and interesting couple of hours finding out more about Llantwit!

A few weeks ago, The Guardian weekend magazine featured Llantwit Major in its 'Let's

move to...' spot, and called this Vale town "the Oxbridge of the Dark Ages".

This was a reference to St Illtud, who is credited with establishing the UK's first "university" at Llantwit Major in 508AD. You can learn much more about this man of learning by visiting the new education centre in the afore-mentioned Galilee chapel. The Guardian also spoke warmly of the "stone-walled lanes hung heavy with ivy and twining with spring birds".

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LLANTWIT MAJOR The historic heart of the Vale

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definitely make you wax lyrical! However, it is not just the leafy lanes, the history and the wide range of cafes, pubs and eating places that go to make Llantwit Major somewhere to visit and enjoy.

Over recent years, the town has bucked the trend of many town centres by bringing in new shops in a number of units that were offered on short-term lets in the Boverton Road Precinct.

It gave local entrepreneurs the chance to try out a business idea without the extra risk of a long-term commitment – and the result has been that some have established themselves solidly enough to decide to stay – or even to move to bigger premises.

Stuart Sloan, who runs Sloan & Co in the town, was very upbeat about the way the town has developed in recent years.

He said: "Llantwit Major has a lot to offer, and I often get people in who have decided to travel here from Bridgend or Porthcawl to have a look at the town – and they are always impressed."

These visitors have also learnt to take advantage of the regular train service along the Vale of Glamorgan line – from Bridgend to Cardiff, via Llantwit and Barry.

Alternatively, if they choose to travel by car, they find that parking is relatively easy – and free.

In fact, this year will be the first that the 'walking community' has been targeted with information, and this higher profile is attracting more visitors, because Llantwit is a great starting point for walks, whether along the coast or through the rural Vale.

In Llantwit, there are a number of independent retailers who own their own business, give genuine personal service, and can react quickly to the needs of their customers. They are also willing

to invest in the town – something Stephen Segal of the Sewing Box did 18 months ago when the business moved to new premises.

He said: "We had great support from local people and are very grateful for that".

He feels that there is definitely a sense of confidence about Llantwit, and about trade in general.

He added: "We stock curtains that are priced to suit all pockets, but we are seeing more people choose higher ticket items."

The Farmer's Pantry recently relocated from its original butcher's shop near the church to a new unit in the more modern part of town.

New fixtures and fittings mean that it is another business that is investing in the town.

Llantwit is big enough to support a wide range of shops, but small enough to give a real sense of community.

Events such as the Victorian fayre, the Community Day and Christmas events are always

well supported, and it brings out the best in the town. When The Guardian wrote so favourably about Llantwit, it treated the town as a hidden gem.

That might be a consequence of a London-based newspaper assuming that south Wales is far from where the action is.

However, it is fair to say that there are people in the Vale and beyond who don't realise just what the town has to offer.

The coming of spring, with (hopefully) warmer weather, is a great time to take a close look!



The historic Celtic stones that are now on display in the Galilee Chapel. (Photo by Malcolm Nugent).



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British Legion praise for Barry Air Cadets

RECENTLY, Air Cadets from 372 (Barry) Squadron were thanked for raising over £2,200 for the Royal British Legion by Keith Harris (president, Royal British Legion Barry branch) and Roy Goodwin (Poppy Appeal coordinator).

The cadets were a familiar sight, selling poppies at Tesco in the weeks leading up to Remembrance Day.

The appeal is the British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign with every poppy sold supporting the British Armed Forces past and present, and their families.

Roy Goodwin said: "I thank all the cadets for their hard work and fantastic support for the Poppy Appeal; especially as the Barry Air Cadets were the top fundraising squadron in south Wales. This money will go a long way to support current and former members of our armed forces".

The Cadets who helped the appeal were: Pippa Cowles, Ellie Poulakis, Rachel Carbis, Jake Paterson, Georgina, Ellie and Zena Poulakis, Steph Jones, Jake Paterson and Rhys Horton.

As well as fundraising the Cadets are looking forward to flying, gliding, shooting, sports, overseas trips, leadership and adventure training in a full and action packed training programme.

The 372 Squadron has vacancies for boys and girls between 13 – 18 years old. The squadron parade on Mondays and Wednesdays, 7pm – 9.30pm behind Adams Funeral Parlour (by the Memorial Hall); contact 01446 747734 or email oc.372@aircadets.org or visit www.372squadron.org



Air Cadets with Roy Goodwin and Keith Harris and their Royal British Legion certificate of appreciation.



Roy Goodwin presents Georgina Poulakis with the certificate of appreciation with Keith Harris.

Stagecoach students celebrate with awards

THE end of the spring term at Stagecoach Theatre Arts was a "tremendous success", as all students performed to great acclaim.

Over the course of four days, seven performances were staged at Maesteg Town Hall, with an astonishing 310 children involved, said Stagecoach principal Helene Reynolds.

"We are so very proud of all the children for their wonderful work this term. The term ended with five memorable performances of the musical *Shakespeare Rocks* by our main school students; and *Disney Magic* showcases our younger early stages children.

"A terrific achievement from all involved." Alongside the performances, 165 children took group musical theatre Performance Arts Awards, with examiners in attendance to assess and award this well recognised qualification.

"An incredible 51 children also received a special award and certificate for on-going



Students get ready to perform in the showcase.



Jessica Lamin and Siwan Wyn Henderson proudly display their 13-year awards.



Students were excited to receive their achievement awards.

Llanharry concert raises £1,620 for Macmillan...

AN amazing total of £1,620.04 was raised by Pontyclun & District Macmillan Fundraising support group on their variety night held at Llanharry Workingmen's Club on April 4.

The evening's entertainment, attended by 200 people, was provided with a musical medley by Y Pant through Emily Prewett and a local male choir The & District Macmillan Minnesingers and Fundraising Support Group contact one of the following. Edwina Clark: 07710198617, Pat Clash: 07974183987, Julie Croad: 07933944165, Jeanie Heavisides: 01443 230249, Ann Bennett: 01443 225187 or Yvonne Ruggles: 01443 224845.

Last year in Wales, the total raised was £2.3 million. However, in Llanharry: Worgans, The Spar, Missy Moo, Llanharry News. In Pontyclun: Pure Indulgence, The Deli, Shop, Rotaract of Llanharry.

We especially would like to thank the members and officers of Llanharry Workingmen's Club without whose support the evening would not have been possible.

EDWINA CLARK

Mayor's coffee morning for ValePlus

MAYOR of the Vale, Coun Margaret Wilkinson, recently hosted a coffee morning at the Civic Offices for ValePlus, a local charity that provides lifelong learning and leisure opportunities for people with a learning disability.

A total of £582 was raised which will be used to upgrade the computer equipment at the centre in High Street, Barry.

Steve Thomas, Director of ValePlus thanked the mayor and her consort Jayne Norman for their support, those who attended and all the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to contribute to the success of the morning.



ABOVE:
ValePlus trustees with the Mayor, Coun Margaret Wilkinson and her consort, Jayne Norman.

Following in Christ's path

CLERGY in Barry are bringing the Easter story to life, with a modern twist – by cleaning shoes in the town centre this Maundy Thursday.

Deacon Sam Taylor of the Crossway Methodist Church in Kings Square, Barry, (Thursday, April 17), from 11.30am until 1pm.

Tomorrow (Good Friday), hundreds are expected to join the walk, which is in its third year, is organised by the Churches of Barry, made up of 11 of the town's churches of various denominations. The first walk was

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Funding for South Wales to highlight history of steel

THE Glamorgan Archives in Cardiff, which serves Bridgend, the Vale of Glamorgan, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Cardiff will benefit from Welsh Government funding to open up access to their collections relating to the steel industry.

Minister for culture and sport, John Griffiths AM, made the announcement last week, as part of the latest round of grant funding for Welsh libraries, archives and museums.

A Welsh Government grant of £20,000, along with £56,000 from the National Cataloguing grant scheme, will be awarded to five

archive services across Wales to make details available online of the archives of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, British Steel Collection and the Brymbo Steel works collection.

The other archives to benefit are the Richard Burton Archives, Archives and Records Council of Wales, Flintshire Record Office and Wrexham Archives. This is part of the 'Wales Showing our Metal' project.

Mr Griffiths said: "This welcome investment will enable local museums, archives and libraries to develop their services, improve facilities and encourage greater use by the public.

"It will help promote our rich culture and heritage and ensure

that more people can access and enjoy our collections.

"The steel industry has played a key role in the development of Wales and the 'Wales Showing our Metal' project will enable researchers of all ages to understand the legacy of the steel industry and its ongoing impact on Welsh communities.

"Without the support of archive services and this investment, these records could have been lost to future generations."

The Minister also outlined how £2.2m funding will be used to develop, promote access to and encourage use of the rich and diverse collections on offer at museums, archives and libraries across the country.

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Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (Wales) Order 2012

Development that may affect a Conservation Area/ Datblygu a allai effeithio ar Ardal Gadwraeth

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00342/ADV Replacement fascia sign with trough light Spar Stores, 73, Stanwell Road, Penarth Penarth
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00335/FUL Change of use from A1 fishmongers and butchers to A3 licenced tea rooms and bistro plus new shopfront 8, Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth Penarth
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig: Location/Lleoliad: Conservation Area:/ Ardal Gadwraeth	2014/00336/ADV New shop fascia for A3 use 8, Royal Buildings, Victoria Road, Penarth Penarth
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig:	2014/00353/FUL Removal of a hedge located at the rear boundary wall of the property adjoining Station Road; removal of the existing wall deemed to be in disrepair by Vale of Glamorgan Highways and Engineering department and like for like replacement of wall. 44, Westbourne Road, Penarth Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth Penarth

Listed Building Consent / Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig:	2014/00354/LBC To re engrave (by hand carving) the lettering (approximately 142 words) on the stone tablet and Cenotaph Cross of the Llantwit Major War Memorial
Location/Lleoliad:	War Memorial Llantwit Major, Church Street, Llantwit Major
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig:	2014/00364/LBC New door opening
Location/Lleoliad:	The Cavalry Barracks, United World College of the Atlantic Ltd, St. Donats Castle, St. Donats
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Affecting setting of a Listed Building/ Cais (au) sy'n effeithio ar leoliad Adeilad Rhestredig

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Location/Lleoliad:	Penarth Pier Pavilion, The Esplanade, Penarth
Listed Building:/ Adeilad Rhestredig	Grade II

Application(s) of General Interest/ Caisiadau o Diddordeb Cyffredinol

Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig:	2014/00343/FUL Drainage infrastructure relating to outline planning permission 2010/00686/EAO
Location/Lleoliad:	Land to the north of the railway line off Pentir Y De, Rhoose
Application No:/ Rhif y cais: Proposal/Cynnig:	2014/00344/RES Reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 224 dwellings

I give notice that Waltersland (Barry) Limited, is applying to The Vale of Glamorgan Council for Planning Permission to Residential lead, mixed use

scheme comprising up to 600 new homes, 6000 sq.m. of employment floorspace (B1), complimentary retail (A1), food and drink (A3) and community facilities (including possible surgery use), all with associated open space, landscaping and access.

The proposal has been submitted with an environmental statement which can be inspected at the address given below. Members of the public may obtain copies of the non Technical Summary at a charge of £5.00, full environmental statement at a charge of £100.00 (paper copy) or £15.00 (CD copy) from Arup, 4 Pierhead Street, Capital Waterside, Cardiff, CF10 4QP so long as stocks last.

Members of the public may inspect copies of:

- The application.
- The plans.
- The environmental statement.
- Other documents submitted with the application.

at the address given below during all reasonable hours until 8 May, 2014.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the Head of Planning and Transportation at the address given below by 8 May 2014 quoting reference 2014/00351/OUT.

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Dylai unrhyw am sydd am wneud sylwadau ar y cais ysgrifennu at Bennaeth Cyllunio a Chludiant y cyngor (gwelwch y dudalen ar waelod y dudalen) erbyn 24 April 2014 an ddylunnu'r cyfeirnod 2014/00229/EAO.

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 17 April, 2014

M. Goldsworthy
Operational Manager Development & Building Control,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, Dock Office, Barry. CF63 4RT

Old court will have 52 homes to let

NEWYDD Housing Association is calling on local people to attend an open day on April 24 to register interest in renting one of 72 new affordable homes in Barry.

They will be available to rent at the former Barry Magistrates Court at Thompson Street and former Marine Hotel on Barry Island from October. Details and

images of these new homes will be available to view at the Newydd office on 121 Broad Street, Barry CF62 7AL from 11am - 7pm on Thursday April 24.

The court development will have six three-bedroom family homes, 32 two-bedroom apartments and 14 one-bedroom apartments.

The former Marine Hotel on Barry Island will offer 17 one-bedroom apartments and three two-bedroom apartments.

Former
Barry
Magistrates
Court
perspective.



Marine
Hotel,
Barry
Island
perspective.

Latest planning...

United Welsh Housing of established industrial Association - Caerleon area for residential Road, Dinas Powys - purposes (option 1), five Outline application for residential development (of up to 70 dwellings) Redevelopment of established industrial area for residential and associated works.

Mr Riccardo Beghini - 6 Nantlais, Corntown - Two storey extension.

Mr George and Mrs Pamela Horne - 31 Fairfield Rise, Llantwit Major - Proposed new entrance porch and cloakroom.

Mr Andrew Rickard - 42, Village Sunncroft, Penylan Road, St Brides Major - Dismantle/remove and store.

Mr Ian Beresford - Rose Cottage, Llanmaes, Llantwit Major - Planning application to regularise the position of the proposed classic car garage as being constructed on site, as previously approved under planning reference 2013/001150/FUL.

Mr Haydn Scoging - The Hawthorns, 3 Romilly Road, Rhoose - Conversion of existing outbuildings previously used as kennels to five self-contained cattery units capable of housing a maximum of 12 cats in total, plus the erection of one self-contained cattery unit capable of housing two cats for isolation purposes.

Mr and Mrs Giancarlo Cancelliere - 44 Hastings Avenue, Penarth - Loft conversion including hip to gable and dormer to rear.

Mr Robert Sullivan - 15 Millfield Drive, Cowbridge - Replacement of existing single glazed conservatory 5m x 3m at Waterpark House, rear of house with brick Green Lane, Llantwit Major - Redevelopment extension 6m x 3.5m.

Cadoxton success in Cornwall tournament

STUDENTS and supporters of the Cadoxton Schools of Taekwondo recently travelled to Cornwall to compete in the first of four WOMAA British Grand Prix Series of tournaments.

This first of four was held in Newquay, and got under way with the traditional patterns. In the advanced category, Bradley Halford took 1st, with Thomas Haysham taking the 3rd place. In the adult section, Anita Sheppard took 3rd place.

In the beginners weapon category, Lucia Cunningham took 1st place, and her sister Thea Cunningham took 2nd. Next up was the advanced weapons where Cody Jacobsen came away with 1st, Cian Allen 2nd and Thomas Haysham 3rd place. Last up was the adult weapons, where Anita Sheppard took 3rd place.

Once the traditional forms and weapon categories



Pictured with their instructor and coaches are: Jake Quigley, Joel Wells, Bradley Halford, Anita Sheppard, Cian Allen Jessie Blackley, Maddison Allen, Thea Cunningham, Lucia Cunningham and Cody Jacobsen. Missing from picture is Thomas Haysham.

completed, the point and continuous sparring categories; while

Thea Cunningham took 1st in the continuous and 2nd place in the Point sparring. Cody Jacobsen was unlucky in the point sparring but went on to take 1st place in the continuous sparring.

Young Maddison Allen came away with 1st place in the continuous and 3rd place in the

point sparring, ever-improving Jessica Blackley showed good timing and kicking ability to take a 2nd place in point sparring.

Continually working on their techniques, Jake Quigley and Joel Wells fought their way into 2nd and 3rd places.

MASTER RON THOMAS

PENARTH COMPUTER CLUB

Connections and cable control

A GOOD thing about recent developments is the increase of wireless communications.

For some, this means the reduction of cables around the computer that would otherwise resemble a ball of wool the kitten has played with, but they haven't all gone away and new ones can sprout from the peripheral gadgets that can be attached to your computer(s).

You might have more than one printer; link your machine to your television or have several external hard drives connected for backing up your files.

Mike J dealt with the safety aspects. Be sure that the total load on any plug combination does not exceed the permissible load on the original socket.

It is possible to connect multiple plugs to a single socket outlet by using a multi-socket extension cable (that can include surge protection to avoid damage to expensive equipment). Data cables need to be capable of speedily carrying enough data. Obviously, it is necessary to use the proper cable for the job.

Mike ran briefly through the way cables developed, ending with the present-day situation where life has been made somewhat easier for us by the sensible adoption of industry standards.

We no longer have hand-wide tapes connecting the drives inside the case and restricting the cooling airflow – modern cables are narrow, coloured and with distinctive connectors.

There is an alphabet soup of identities from High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI that transfers audio/video data), to Universal Serial Bus (USB) that links many components for data transmission. USB1 was superseded by USB2.

USB2 has a black plastic component built into the connector.

USB2 has more recently been superseded by (18 times faster) USB3 with a connector that is identical except that, handily, the plastic insert is blue. Conveniently the same cable can connect a USB 2 device to a USB3 device although the data transmission will be at the slower speed. This is known as backwards compatibility.

The cable connectors are designed so that (mostly) they will not fit into a wrong connection port.

There are variations in the overall shape of the connectors and the number or arrangement of pins (or holes). Part of the plastic end casing may be colour-coded.

If the cable is right, but the connector is a different version, there are adaptors available to overcome the situation.

To keep visible cables under control there are possibilities. Browsing on-line will show how to use binder clips along shelf edges; coloured Velcro ties to bundle cables together; plastic green leaves to make a cable imitate a climbing plant; fun ties for children or cute labels.

Oh, and a few ideas for the geeky who want to look hi-tech.

The whole range goes up and up to expensive commercial trays for anyone with a serious cable problem, but they might actually prefer the cat-crab effect and not bother.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, April 22, at All Saints Lesser Hall, Victoria Square, Penarth, 7.30pm for 8pm. (Looking at smart phones). Visitors always welcome. See penarthcomputerclub.co.uk

What's on, and where?

All Saints' services

ALL Saints' Church in Victoria Square, Penarth, is holding special services over the Easter period.

On Good Friday there will be a short children's service at 10am, followed by drinks and hot cross buns on the gallery. Traditional Good Friday devotions run between 12 and 3pm.

Easter Sunday at 7pm, Lighting of the Paschal Candle. Easter Sunday, Holy Communion at 8am; an Easter celebration for all the family at 10am; Holy Communion at St Peter's Old Cogan at 3.30pm; Easter Evensong at 6pm. All are welcome to join us at any of these services – visit www.all saints penarth.org.uk for more information.

Good Friday procession

CHURCHES in Barry will join together on Good Friday for the annual two-mile Walk of Witness through the town.

Everyone is welcome to join the start at the Parade Gardens at 12 noon or anywhere on the route.

The walk is being supported by churches of all denominations in Barry and will include children from church Sunday Schools and youth clubs. Leaving the Parade Gardens, the walk will travel via Broad Street to arrive at King Square in time for a special service for Good Friday at 2pm.

Further information from Fr Robert Parrish on 01446 735943.

All praise to Barry club

LAST weekend's promotion for Barry Town United is a real rags to riches story for a club that has overcome great difficulties in the past twelve months.

Almost a year ago, the then-owner of Barry Town withdrew the club from the Welsh League and the club was forced to go to court against the Football Association of Wales to secure a place in the league's third division – two below where they played last season.

It is a testament to the fighting spirit and loyalty of the supporters, players and management, Gavin and Hannah

Chesterfield in particular, that the club has managed to thrive since those battles were put behind them last summer.

A tense battle awaits Barry Town United for the league title in the next few weeks, but, 20 years on from Barry Town's famous Welsh Cup victory over Cardiff City and a decade since relegation from the Welsh Premier, the club now has the chance to go from strength-to-strength.

Let's hope that all sports and clubs across Barry and the rest of the Vale continue to grow and improve in the coming years. **Coun Ian Johnson, Barry. (Plaid Cymru – the Party of Wales)**

Barry RFC Seconds go down battling in two tough tussles

RHIWBINA 2nd XV	22
BARRY 2nd XV	19

BARRY 2nd XV headed to Hailey Park on Thursday night to face **Rhiwbina** in the East District Cup semi-final.

Coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow made several changes to the side, opting to give James Hadfield a first start for the club this season, partnering the recalled John Miles in the back row.

Tierman Scott started at full back with Kyle Barclay drafted in from the 3rd XV to take his place on the bench.

Rhiwbina, fresh from their victory over Barry on Saturday, started the brighter of the two sides and with a combination of slick handling and well-drilled forward drives, they pinned the green-and-whites in their own half. Their dominance was soon rewarded with three points via a penalty.

Barry responded almost immediately from the kick-off, led by Hadfield's charge and managed to turn the ball over. When the same player forced a penalty opportunity, Jordan Flynn was on hand to score over from near half way to level the scores.

The Barry pack was struggling in the scrum but was more than holding their own in the loose, with the new-look back row dictating proceedings.

Flynn benefited from the go-forward to use his midfield of White and Williams, and when he was presented with another penalty opportunity, he gave Barry the lead.

Back came Rhiwbina. Exerting their dominance in the scrum, they executed a pre-planned move from the set piece to go over in the corner for an unconverted score.

After Barry had gone back in front with yet another long-range Flynn penalty, the green-and-whites sent first Hadfield and then Hamonda charging towards the try line, only to be stopped just short. With an attacking scrum, Barry looked odds on to score, only for the ball to be lost in the set piece and for Rhiwbina to string together a flowing counter-attacking move to regain the lead with another unconverted score.

ST JOSEPH'S 2nd XV v BARRY 2nd XV

LESS than 48 hours had elapsed since their epic mid-week Cup tie against Rhiwbina, and Barry 2nd XV found themselves travelling to runaway leaders St Joseph's for their penultimate league game.

With only three of the 15 starting players available for selection, and five players dropping out within 24 hours of kick-off, plus two more of the squad failing to turn up, coach Rhidian Scott and manager Ken Chow was forced to delve deep into the Barry squad in order to fulfil this fixture.

As it was, eight players were promoted from the 3rd XV, with Compton and Cleland making their full debuts. Manager Chow was forced to start his first game for the 2nd XV since 2011.

It was no surprise that St Joseph's were dominant straight from the off, as a revamped and severely weakened Barry side was unable to hold off their attacking play. After 20 minutes, the home side were already seemingly out of sight as Barry barely touched the ball.

Scott attempted to rally his threadbare squad, and the inexperienced side, led by veteran Nick Rolfe and Lee Jones, attempted to adapt their style of play to suit the 15 on show, and had some instant success as St Joseph's ball was turned over.

From a set piece in the home half, Rolfe fed Joel Williams who found space in the blind side, setting

At half time, the game was evenly balanced, with the score at 13-9. Rhidian Scott then introduced Jason Thomas and Kyle Barclay into the fold, and they immediately helped to steady the creaking scrum.

With parity restored in the set piece, Barry surged forward to look to regain the lead. This was duly delivered by a series of forward drives towards the Rhiwbina line; and after several players came close to scoring, Kyle Case was on hand to ground the ball, to give Barry the lead. Flynn missed the extras.

The game ebbed and flowed, but it was Rhiwbina who gained the upper hand as they gained more possession and territory, and they retook the lead with another penalty.

Coach Scott threw on Joel Williams at scrum-half and he made an instant impact, disrupting the Rhiwbina go-forward as he pestered his opposite number, but it was to no avail when the referee intervened, harshly sin-binning Flynn. The resulting penalty saw Rhiwbina edge closer to victory.

With only 14 men, Barry rallied hard and stopped their opponents from scoring a try, most notably when scrum-half replacement Williams made a last ditch tackle. Soon after, however, Rhiwbina did extend their lead with yet another penalty and they were seemingly out of reach.

With three minutes to go, and despite the man disadvantage, Barry rallied once more. Williams made a characteristic sniping run, and his pass found Brad White out on the wing, who raced through to score in the corner. Scott was unable to find the target to leave the green-and-whites three points behind.

Barry was unable to regain possession again and the pulsating cup-tie ended 22-19 to Rhiwbina, but no-one could fault the effort and spirit shown by the green-and-whites who battled against the odds, with Rhiwbina fielding a strong side featuring several first team players.

Team: **St. Josephs:** Hamonda, White, D Williams, Hamonda; Flynn, Mepham; Hosking, Vidal, Lundy; Case, Jones; Miles, Hadfield, Rolfe.

Replacements: **Barry:** Thomas, Corne, Barclay, Hewitson, J Williams, Dix, Lee, Man-of-the-match: Scott; tries: Case, White; Pens: Flynn (3).

up Ashley Adams, who beat the last defender to score in the corner. Adam Lee failed to add the extras.

Tries came and went for the home side and the bonus point was already secured and the game finished as a contest by half time, as Scott brought on Jason Thomas in an attempt to reverse the team's fortunes in the tight.

Barry found some joy around the fringes of the ruck area, and after several drives towards the St Joseph's line, they finally scored when Thomas crashed over from close range. Lee missed the conversion.

St Joseph's continued to pile on the points but Barry responded with a superb counter-attacking move of their own. Chow, on his 50th and possibly last appearance, fielded a high ball in his own half; his offload found Williams, and the ball was spread first to Adams and then Ethan Dix who sprinted clear to score in the corner. Lee was unable to add the extras.

There were no more attacking opportunities for the away side as they tired from the endless tackling during the earlier portions of the match, and Barry narrowly missed out on a bonus point.

Despite the defeat, the spirit shown by all of the players was admirable. The management would like to thank all 18 players who wore their heart on their sleeves in order to fulfil this fixture, and would like to see this attitude replicated in the final home match against St Peter's next weekend.

Team: **Lee, Chow, Dix, Hewitson, Forrester, Adams, Williams, Compton, Turnbull, Pirso, Lee Jones, Barclay, Cleland, Lloyd Jones, Rolfe.**

Replacements: **Thomas, Hall, Moffat, Man-of-the-match:** Chow. **Tries:** Adams, Thomas, Dix.

Merger benefits for the Vale

CONGRATULATE Philip Clarke, the Independent councillor on his honesty regarding the proposed Vale Council merger with Cardiff, and the support of the Conservative Leader.

It is true that the number of councillors would be drastically reduced accordingly – perhaps the cost of these would have prevented the council tax being increased to well above the UK average – Cardiff included, Cardiff did not raise their council tax anywhere near the Vale's.

When Cardiff take over, I'm sure they will work miracles just as they have done with the old Cardiff docks – the wonderful Bay development. They certainly have more foresight for tourism and professionalism than the Vale – who seem to only want to build flats, or demolish our wonderful amenities.

I wonder if council taxpayers in the Vale were offered a vote for a merger – especially at the thought of a reduced council tax – what the outcome would be?

Mrs JEP, Barry.

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ATHLETIC IN A HOME LOSS TO BLACKWOOD

ON Saturday Barry Athletic Cricket Club got their season off to a losing start in a friendly against Blackwood.

Barry won the toss and asked Blackwood to bat on a green wicket and got off to a great start reducing their visitors to 22 for 3 in the 7th over after Steve Jones took the first 3 wickets with catches from Aaron Smith, Nathan Baker and Ashley Baker.

A 73 run partnership between Wilkinson and Evans followed with Evans hitting captain John Gee's first ball of the season into the pavilion and smashing a window.

Gee ended up with 3 wickets - Evans for 46, caught by Aaron Smith, Mathews caught behind by Nathan Baker for 8 and Byrne Caught by Steve Jones for 25.

The other wicket takers were Ellis with the wickets of Roberts and Ford and David Goodway with the wickets of Wilkinson and Najmi.

Blackwood were all out for 188 in the 37th over.

In reply, Barry lost the wickets of Aaron Smith, Nathan Baker and Craig Brock with only 41 on the board. A partnership of 26 came between Goodway and Ashley Baker before the former was out for 40 with 67 on the board.

Baker became the 5th Wicket to go with the score on 77. There was then a 40 run partnership between Ellis and Hugh Smith before 3 wickets fell for no runs. Ellis's 34 included 3 sixes. Hugh Smith scored 4 and Steve Jones 2.

The 9th wicket fell on 123 before a late cameo from John Gee who hit 12 not out in 6 balls with one 6 and 1 four.

The last man out was Ross Taylor-Gibbs for 4, Barry Athletic all out for 136.

Blackwood 188 (Wilkinson 49, Evans 46, S.Jones 3 for 20, J.Gee 3 for 52, S.Ellis 2 for 36, D.Goodway 2 for 23)

Barry Athletic 136 AO (D.Goodway 40, S.Ellis 34, A.Baker 13, J.Gee 12 no).

On Sunday, Barry entertained Machen in a friendly with Machen batting first on a beautiful sunny afternoon at The Island, Oval.

Machen got off to a bad start and were 4 for 2 after losing the wickets of Hatton to Frost for 0 and Stibbs to Phillips for 0.

A 44 run partnership was built before the 3rd wicket went with Morris going for 8 bowled by Scott Malpas.

Singh went 11 runs later for a fine 44 off the bowling of Rhys Hatton. The 5th wicket to go was Dinsmoore for 17 bowled by Hatton with the score 72.

With the score on 77 Dinsmoore went for 1, bowled Malpas.

Young Sam Hopkins captured the final wicket and Machen were 82 all out.

Barry's reply got off to a sluggish start with Williams and Eastman opening and after 7 overs only 8 runs were on the board.

Two wickets fell in successive balls, Williams for 1 and Jones first ball for a duck. Eastman was next to go for 2 with the score on 8.

There was then an increase in the run rate as first Scott Malpas with 15 and Ashley Baker with 33 partnered Sam Hopkins. They brought the side home with Barry finishing on 83 for 6.

Machen 82 AO (Singh 44, S. Malpas 2 for 13, R.Hatton 2 for 20, S.Hopkins 1 for 1)

Barry Athletic 83 for 6 (A. Baker 33, S. Hopkins 25, S.Malpas 15, J. Dinsmoore 3 for 16)

Junior nets take place at Cadoxton Sports Hall on Mondays from 6pm and 7pm all welcome. Barry Athletic are also looking for sponsorship if you are interested please contact Mark Rees via e-mail at markrees509@hotmail.com

Invite to Barry Central Bowling Club weekend

YOU will have noticed that over the last few weeks with help from The GEM editorial staff, there have been notifications for new members to join Barry Central at Gladstone Gardens this coming season.

We have had a good response, but we can always do with more people involved.

We have been distributing leaflets in several areas of Barry and have been inviting people to our coffee morning on Saturday.

We are a small club and the membership-wise and the coaches will be available to assist

majority of the membership are now retired, so we need some fresh new blood to keep the club as an ongoing venture with aspirations to do very well again this coming season having lost narrowly on promotion last year.

We would like anyone who would like to try the game out to come to the club at Gladstone Gardens on Saturday, April 19 and/or Sunday, April 20 from 2pm and have a try out on the green.

All you will need are flat shoes or trainers as everything else you will need would be provided by the chairman, Haydn Spencer, on 01446 677051, or just turn up on the days in question.

Should anyone need to find out more, they can ring the ladies' secretary, Jennifer Morgan, on 01446 412976 or the men's chairman, Haydn Spencer, on 01446 677051, or just turn up on the days in question.

G Thomas

LOCAL TEAM IS GLOBAL TEAM!

PUPILS at the south Wales college of which George Bernard Shaw once said: "This is what God would have built if he had the money" are leading the way in a community football league in Bridgend, with perhaps the most diverse five-a-side football squad in the UK.

The team, Atlantic FC from Atlantic College, joined the Friday night Leisure Leagues competition in Bridgend, and have quickly adapted to life - currently sitting top of their league, and the multi-cultural side are being seen as a shining example of what five-a-side football should be about.

The team comes from different corners of the globe; the coach, Mike Eaton, is from Botswana, the captain from Holland, with the other players from places such as Bangladesh, Norway and Mauritius, Scotland, Guatemala and Italy.

Mike was full of praise for his squad and admitted that such diversity was part of not only the college's ethos, but also helped the



ABOVE: Atlantic FC draws its players from across the globe.

team itself: "The experience of the

boys is as diverse as their nationalities. Some have played for

reason for wanting Friday night victories: "After the Friday games, we head back to school and there is a popular pub on the way.

"When we win we all get dropped off there and when everyone asks how we did, of course we beam and tell them the score. When we lose however, the boys can't stand to get off the bus with all the girls inquiring how we did and have to say that we were beaten. It's our incentive I guess!"

New biography of Welsh great Robbie James

R O B B I E JAMES: A Life in Football by Gary Wharton details the career of a truly great name in Welsh football - Robbie James, known to most simply as 'Robbie'.

Making his breakthrough at the Vetch with the Swans, he was a major contributor to the club's extraordinary rise up the leagues and into what would today be the equivalent of the Premier League: he was there for it all.

Elsewhere, Robbie remained in the top flight and played for both Stoke City and QPR before moving to Leicester City

and on to Bradford City, the latter where the fans voted him their favourite player during his two seasons with them.

He then joined Cardiff City and enjoyed success with the Bluebirds under his former Swans' team mate Eddie May, winning promotion as champions and the Welsh Cup in a marvellous 'double' winning season still remembered by the fans.

Stepping down into the Welsh League, Robbie wound down his playing career and played for Merthyr Tydfil, Llanelli AFC and Barry Town. His tragic death while playing for Llanelli is also documented, with new accounts from those present there that terrible night.

It is the story of a true footballing great.

Campaign for a 3G football pitch

FOOTBALLERS from FC Barry campaigning for a 3G football pitch in the town are being supported by MP Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns said: "It is wholly unacceptable that Barry doesn't have a 3G pitch. This state-of-the-art facility would enable football to be played at all times in all weather conditions."

Shaun White, FC Barry's coach said: "In modern day football, this is an essential facility. We regularly take the players to the House of Sport in Cardiff to play on their 3G pitch and the response from the team is magnificent. It is wrong that we have to travel to Cardiff, when there is such a large interest in football here."

"We are determined to work with Alun Cairns and the Sports Council to deliver a 3G pitch to our team and other teams across Barry."

Dragons roar at tournament

RED DRAGON junior netball under-11 squad competed recently in the Cardiff & Vale under-11 netball championships at the House of Sport in Cardiff.

Even though they had been unbeaten in the league all season the girls were very nervous playing in this huge tournament.

The girls had nine matches to play and after competing all day their results were eight wins and a draw. They were then crowned Cardiff & Vale under-11 county champions and will now represent the area in the Welsh under-11 finals in May.

Talent scouts from Welsh Netball were also at the event and five of the girls were named in the top 20 players of the tournament - they were

TEN-GOAL THRILLER WRAPS UP PENARTH HOCKEY CLUB SEASON

PENARTH HC VETERANS 5 STRATFORD VETERANS 5

ALTHOUGH the 2013-14 Davis Wood Hockey League campaign ended a couple of weeks earlier, there was still business to attend for Penarth Hockey Club.

With the annual AGM and club dinner already in the rear view mirror, it was left to the Veterans XI to wrap up the 2013-14 season with a match against a touring Stratford side led by former Penarth player Ian 'Pug' Powell.

The visitors arrived in Barry on the back of a heavy defeat the day before, and still appeared to be suffering the effects of a night out in Cardiff as Penarth dominated the early possession. However, an inability to convert pressure into anything resembling a chance on goal allowed Stratford to remain in the game, and ultimately make the Vale side pay.

Miscommunication in the Penarth defence allowed the tourists two soft goals midway through the half and, when a penalty corner found its way in at the near post, Stratford had been spotted a three-goal headstart before the Bears realised that the game was slipping away.

Fortunately, a goal from Marc Sawyer minutes before the break, allowed the home side to remain in touch, but there was a lot of stern talking once the very untraditional half-time refreshments had been imbibed.

The words appeared to have the desired effect as

Penarth again took control of the opening exchanges after the break, but it was Stratford who again scored first, this time as the result of a double deflection that steered the ball past the hapless Matt Birch.

Fired by the misfortune, the home side went straight back down the other end, where Sawyer was able to add his second of the game, but Stratford soon returned the deficit to three goals by overwhelming the home defence and allowing their centre forward to deflect a delicate chip over Birch and into the roof of the net.

With less than ten minutes remaining, the game looked over, but Penarth refused to give in and, when a deflection at the other end produced an own goal and made the score 5-3, hopes were raised further. With Stratford trying to play out time, Penarth were afforded more space and a quick hit out from the back produced a flowing move that was rounded out by Derek Wooding's measured finish.

Just three minutes were left on the clock at this point, and Stratford again tried to keep the ball, but Penarth's tenacity allowed one final attack, which Sawyer coolly completed with a shot into the far corner.

On reflection, a draw was probably a fitting result for a well-contested game, and neither side complained as they retired to the bar.

AGM and Dinner

The club AGM produced few surprises, with all officers being returned and Mark Thomas and Nick Pratt retaining the captaincy of the 1st and 2nd XIs respectively.

Dave Watkins was made a life member after many years of service in the front line, and thanks were offered to kit sponsor Scafftag for their ongoing support.

The annual dinner, staged 24 hours later at Penarth Athletic Club, allowed those in attendance to reflect on a successful season, with the 1st XI finishing fourth in De Cymru & The Marches 1 and the 2nd XI improving to sixth overall in De Cymru 2.

A couple of entertaining captain's reports ended with Chris Baker and Craig Llewellyn picking up the respective player of the year accolades, with Baker unsurprisingly netting the top goalscorer trophy after a prolific campaign.

Sam Wooding was awarded the young player of the year nomination after making his mark in a first full season with the 1st XI. Clubman of the year was rightly awarded to the tireless Graeme Jones for his efforts as fixture secretary.

As usual, the formalities ended with an impassioned address from president Alan Carter that had the audience alternating between attentive silence and knowing laughter, before the focus was turned towards 2014-15.

Penarth Hockey Club always welcomes new, old and returning players, umpires, supporters, friends and helpers regardless of age and ability. Training takes place on the artificial turf at Barry Sport Centre every Wednesday, with the Juniors in action between 6pm-7pm and Senior between 7pm-8pm.

Further information can be obtained from: club secretary Dave Stevens (d_stevens81@hotmail.co.uk) CRAIG LLEWELLYN

Tim's terrific treble

ABERTHIN'S Tim Vaughan had plenty to smile about last Thursday after he landed a terrific treble with *Lamool, Stonethrower and Liberty Court*.

The first two scored at Ludlow at odds of 10-1 and 16-1 respectively and the third, a well backed 5-4 favourite, won at Taunton.

Lamool, ridden by Michael Byrne, won by one and a quarter lengths from *Speedmaster*, and *Stonethrower*, partnered by Alan Johns, scored by three and a quarter lengths from the favourite *Divine Intervention*.

Liberty Court was partnered by top jockey Richard Johnson and won by eight lengths from *Badger Wood*.

Llancafnan's Evan Williams, who is the leading trainer at Ludlow, saddled his course and distance winner *Hold Court* to take the closing handicap hurdle.

Hold Court, ridden by stable jockey Paul Moloney, went off the 3-1 joint-favourite and got home by a neck from *Speedy Tunes*.

Brian Lee

Vale venue for historic rugby game!

IN 1944, the Dutch city of 's-Hertogenbosch was liberated by the 53rd Welsh division, and since then a strong link between Wales and 's-Hertogenbosch has existed.

The 70th anniversary of the liberation will be marked this year by a number of events. This will begin with a rugby match between the newly-formed Army Reserve Rugby Club, whose members are drawn from reserve units all over Wales, and a visiting team from 's-Hertogenbosch on Saturday, April 19, at the Cowbridge Rugby Club ground, kick-off 2pm.

Warrant Officer Geordie Fernandez of the Royal Army Physical Training Corp, said: "As reservists, our players tend to be busy at weekends, so balancing a rugby commitment can be difficult.

"It's a tribute to the guys that since January, we now have a team up and running, we have played two games, won one and lost the other, and now we are facing a visiting side from Holland.

"It will be a fantastic opportunity for our lads to play a travelling team, I am sure that the lads would appreciate all the support they can get."

This is a significant year in the commemoration of the liberation of their city by the people of 's-Hertogenbosch, the rugby match is just the opener in a series of events culminating in Armed Forces Day Wales on Saturday, June 28, in Cardiff, where the city will be represented by the Mayor of 's-Hertogenbosch, a 100-strong choir and an 80-strong marching band, plus a group of cyclists who will have cycled from 's-Hertogenbosch to Wales carrying with them a Davy lamp that will have been lit from the memorial flame at the British war cemetery and presented to the people of Wales, as part of the Armed Forces Day celebrations.

The choir and band will perform in the week prior to Armed Forces Day at locations in Cardiff, Pontypridd and Swansea, and then will take centre stage at the main event on Coopers Field behind Cardiff Castle.

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NO NEED TO FEAR THE DROP...

As Dinas Powys take the points at Newport YMCA

THIS 2-0 win over Newport YMCA last Tuesday was a massive win for Dinas Powys FC in terms of easing themselves away from relegation worries, with a goal in each half proving enough to take the points in a tough encounter.

After an early freekick for the visitors by Nick Potts sailed over the crossbar, Dinas had the perfect start in the fifth minute, Marc Bonet lobbing the ball into the path of Ryan Garland, who cut into the box to lob YM's keeper Scott Anderson for the first goal.

The pitch was heavy after Monday's rain, making good football difficult but it was Garland again just a few minutes later putting in a good cross from the right which was met by Carlos Indjai, but his header was over the crossbar.

Dinas were trying to get their passing game going and looked as if they might score again, a flick on by Marc Bonet playing Garland in on goal but he was adjudged just offside.

Determined pressing by Luke Swaffield

forced a corner for Dinas which was unproductive and although YM looked dangerous at times, the Dinas rearguard were in no mood to concede, having got their noses in front.

Another good chance came for the hosts on the half hour mark when a good ball from Dimitri Fallas found Garland,

who hit a powerful shot which Anderson managed to block at the expense of a corner - which again was unproductive.

The visitors had a spell of pressure in the last 10 minutes of the half but the closest they came to getting on terms was from a free kick from 25 yards which Jason Lewis flicked on with a header, but it was wide of the right upright and at the break Dinas were worthy of the lead but should have taken more of their chances.

YM started the second half strongly, forcing a corner which Dinas had

difficulty in clearing, with shots coming in which were blocked, and eventually the danger was cleared.

Dinas began to settle again and a sweeping pass from Luke Swaffield found Indjai in space on the right. He cut into the box and with an almost carbon copy of the first goal, lobbed Anderson to make it 2-0 with just 10 minutes of the half gone.

The hosts continued to create chances, a good ball down the line from young full back Ronan Scott reached Indjai who beat his marker to put in a good cross finding Fallas at the far post but he took too long and eventually fluffed his shot wide.

At the other end, Olly Beckett lobbed Curtin but his shot hit the post and was headed out for a corner by a defender.

The game got a bit feisty at times with the referee showing a few yellow cards to both sides. Dinas were giving away too many free kicks at this stage putting their defence under pressure as Craig Ford kept planting balls into the Dinas 18-yard box.

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Barry Youth in a fierce encounter

BARRY Youth RFC entertained Taffs Well last Saturday and the encounter was as fierce as the first meeting at the start of the season.

From the kick off, both sets of forwards battled it out, with the ball rarely being spun wide. With the visitors playing down the slope and a strong wind behind them, the tactic of the day was to keep Barry pinned in their own half and they certainly accomplished this.

Barry soon learned that kicking was not an option as any loose ball was returned with interest.

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Using all four subs, manager Mepham brought fresh legs into the game of attrition and from a series of drives saw Barry's number 10 Evans go over for a try. However, his conversion curled outwards and bounced off the post infield. With not long to go, the visitors again found themselves under pressure near their posts and from an ensuing scrum, number eight Jake Goodfellow picked up and drove for the line and was unstoppable.

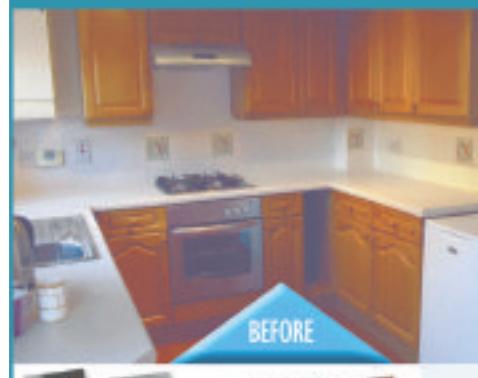
Evans slotted the conversion and lamented his previous miss that would have put the home team in front. However, this proved to be insignificant as the visitors broke the stranglehold and moved steadily up field towards the Barry line; their kicking into the breeze proved uncannily fruitful when the ball was picked up for a run-in under the posts.

The final score was 29-22. Skill of the day went to young Ben, fresh from the under-16 team. Playing at full back, he turned pressure into good attacking positions with his darting runs, never failing to break a tackle.

Before the half was over, Taffs Well scored another converted try and a penalty to bring the score at the half 22-10.

With the wind behind them, Barry employed the same tactics as their opponents and pinned them in their 22.

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School of hard knocks for Vale TKD students

THREE talented young Taekwondo students have recently returned from the European Taekwondo Championships in Davos, Switzerland, with an array of medals.

The event attracts around 1,500 competitors from 20 countries and has a juniors competition.

Ashton Curnick (13), Menna Birmingham (10) and Harri Birmingham (9) are all students of Joseph Schembri, at Vale-based JSTKD Martial Arts and Fitness. Joseph is also the Wales Taekwondo team coach, so was especially delighted to see his three students being selected to represent their country.

Harri competed in the pee wee division in both the points stop and continuous contests. He drew the same Russian opponent in both, fighting bravely throughout. Unfortunately, he took a heavy back kick to the ribs which bruised him badly, forcing him to pull out.

He was taken to the local hospital where he received first-rate treatment and after an overnight stay he was able to return to the competition to support his fellow junior team mates.

Ashton competed in the lightweight points stop, fighting against Polish and Russian opponents.

In his second round, he took a hard punch to the nose which continued to bleed, leading doctors to initially fear it was broken.

However, he courageously fought on,



just narrowly missing a place in the final, but putting in a skilful performance to clinch the bronze medal.

Menna competed in the lightweight points stop and continuous contests, reaching the final in both.

Menna fought strongly but like her team mates, she lost out to a Russian opponent, the same one in each final, coming through to win the silver medal in both events.

This is a huge confidence booster for

Menna, who has only recently moved into the lightweight division and is just finding her feet in this new category.

Joseph Schembri commented: "As a coach, it is really gratifying to see Menna, Harri and Ashton growing in confidence with every tournament they enter and this is mirrored in the success they are now enjoying with their first venture into the international scene."

For further details of JSTKD, visit www.jstkd.co.uk

JS

'Let's go walkies to celebrate our 21st!'

BARRIE changed his planned walk for Penarth and District Ramblers at short notice because of bad weather conditions at altitude and instead took his group of five to Llanharan to visit the wind farm.

First, they mislaid their way in Llantrisant Forest, which was soon put right and upon reaching Ffordd y Bryniau or the Taff Ely Ridgeway Walk, the mist swirled and the tall wind turbines were lost in the middle of it, with only a deep thud and a whoosh of air indicating their presence.

Descending via Cwm Rhydymilwyr to Llanbad-fawr, followed by a climb to Mynydd Coedbychan, after a swift lunch, the group headed back downhill by way of a stony track to their start.

With Penarth and District Ramblers celebrating our 21st year, a new programme containing some exciting walks has been launched.

The walks, as usual, vary in length and during the spring and summer months there will be a linear bus ramble from Dan yr Ogof back to Defynnog, a tour of the Nash Lighthouse and a local night ramble through the midnight hour.

You will be able to take part in the long distance Three Castles Walk or climb the peaks of Pen y Fan, Corn Du, Fan y Big and Cribyn, or something less strenuous in the shape of taking the footpath across the toll booths at the old Severn Bridge.

There will be a railway outing to Church Stretton, which lies under the famous Long Mynd for a walk in the Shropshire Hills or a more

leisurely walk along the River Usk to try and spot the elusive kingfisher. Or another train ramble, this time from Cardiff down to Ferryside, which has glorious views across Carmarthen Bay and Llansteffan Castle, to walk back along part of the 870-mile Wales Coast Path, this time back to Burry Port.

For those who are interested in history and old churches, why not come along for the trip to Garway Hill and a visit to Kilpeck Church, famous for its 12th century Norman carvings along, with a walk in the stunning Herefordshire countryside.

You are also invited to climb several mountains in the Talybont area and maybe take in some music with a relaxing drink to soak up some of the atmosphere in the pubs along the Brecon Canal during the 30th Brecon Jazz Festival; or join the group for a trek to Y Gaer Fawr and Fach, massive Iron Age hill forts draped over the contours of the hillsides in the Brecon Beacons National Park.

Hopefully, there will be something in this programme to suit everyone, so for enquiries regarding membership or programmes, please contact Pam on 029 2025 5102.

On April 19, meet at 9.30am at Wenvoe War Memorial for a 6.5-mile moderate circular walk taking in Tinkinswood and St Lythans burial chambers; contact Geraint on 029 2051 5278.

On Easter Monday April 21, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an 11-mile hard walk at Twmpa and Hay Bluff in the Black Mountains; contact Robin on 029 2051 4051.

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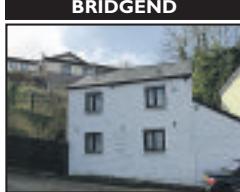
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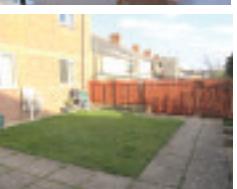
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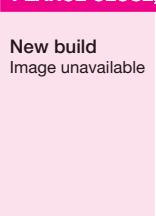


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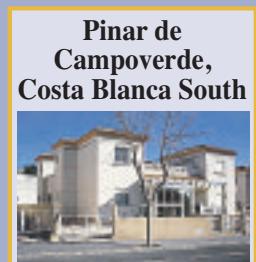
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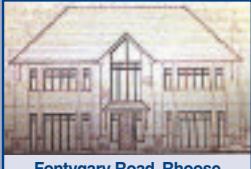
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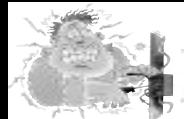
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She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son funeral home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service in All Saints Church, Barry on Monday, 28th April 2014 at 10.30am, followed by a committal service at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road East, Barry at 12 noon. Strictly family flowers only please, donations to either Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Towers, Penarth or The Dogs Trust Bridgend may be sent to the funeral home.

FITCHETT
Alan

Suddenly at home on 9th April 2014 aged 83 years. Beloved husband to the late Ollie, much loved father to Andrew & Haydn, father in law to Carol & Usha, grandfather of Lori, Jack & Luc, brother to the late Gomer and the late Joan. Will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

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SCREEN
Carmen
née Williams

Peacefully passed away on Monday, 7th April 2014 at University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff. Carmen of Ilminster Close, Barry. Beloved wife of the late Anthony Screen. A loved mother of Stephanie, Michael and mother-in-law of Neil Jennine. Cherished grandmother of George, Max and great grandmother of Logan. Dearly loved sister of Beryl and aunt of Wendy.

Carmen will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeral Home Gladstone Road, Barry until the funeral on Wednesday, 23rd April. Service and Committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium Port Road East, Barry where family and friends please meet 11.15am. Family flowers only.

LEIGH
Clive

Peacefully on the 2nd April at Holme Tower, Clive of Llanwit Major with his family at his bedside. Clive was dearly loved by his wife Janet, and his children Heather, Mark, Kevin and Patricia, adored by his grandchildren Nicola, Leighton, Eleanor, Olivia, Matthew, William and Thomas and his great granddaughters Lauren and Keira, respected father-in-law of Tracy and Tracey.

Service at St. Illtud's Church at 1.00pm April 23rd, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium at 2.15pm. Flowers may be sent to W.A.Brown & Son, College Street. 01446 792489

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WEAVER
David

It is with deepest sadness the family announces the sudden passing of David Weaver on 7th April. He will be greatly missed by his wife Susan, sons Darren and Adrian, granddaughter Kelly and daughter-in-law Louise.

Resting at Park Independent Funeral Directors, 7 Tynewydd Road, Barry, until his Funeral Service at the Vale of Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry on Wednesday, 23rd April at 3pm.

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They would like to extend their gratitude to the warden of Crawshay Court for her unfailing attention to Ken over a number of years and send their respects to the local friends who made him feel so at home in Llanwit.

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Barry karate clubs join forces for a successful tournament



ABOVE: A proud day for Barry Kyokushin Karate Club.

On Saturday, April 12, Barry Kyokushin held a junior tournament, a first for chief instructor Senpai Phill Sedgmond.

It was an interclub tournament with local club Rising Sun Kyokushin.

With five categories of fighters, it was going to be a very busy and exciting day for all.

Barry Kyokushin girls dominated category one, taking away four trophies. It was incredibly close between the four girls and all fought very hard.

Josey Allen fought well but was just short of third place, taking home a runner-up position.

Third place went to Lucy Chick after an incredibly close fight. Leanne Lirio put in her all and came home with a well-deserved second place.

First place went to a determined Justine Bolanos, who has worked incredibly hard throughout her training.

Category two was a close category again, with Barry Kyokushin taking home two trophies and Rising Sun taking two.

The category was for the very young children, between the ages of five and six. It was the kids very first tournament and all did an incredible job.

Przemystaw Cienki from Barry Kyokushin took home the runner-up spot after a very determined two rounds.

Cerys Case, also from Barry, took third place after winning her second round.

But it was Rising Sun student Cody Roberts who took home second place, and Senpai Spencer's son Oscar Bennett who was first.

A well deserved win and a chip off the old block,

Senpai Spencer being a well respected world wide fighter.

Category three was an successful category for Barry Kyokushin, receiving three trophies. Sebastian Barczewski won third place after a close fight to the final. He fought very hard during all of his training and this is an fine accomplishment.

Jacob Murphy fought hard throughout the competition and took home second place after winning two rounds and a very close final.

First place was awarded to Ben Bolanos after three fine fights. Despite his fatigue from extended fights, Ben continued to fight hard and brought home a much-deserved first place.

Category four was the biggest category with 12 fighters.

Barry Kyokushin were unfortunate to not place in this category after some incredibly close fights.

Connor Denbury took third place after a close fight with Barry's Tomek Cyzynski.

Max Ladner took home second place after three demanding fights, but Ben Antony took home a deserved first place after winning all of his four fights.

Category five was for the older juniors and was a very demanding category. Both Barry Kyokushin and Rising Sun had a handful of strong fighters.

It was Barry Kyokushin's Luke Murphy who took home third place, using his speed and power to take the lead over the much bigger boys in the category.

Second place went to Rising Sun's Akash Benny after three strong fights. But it was Rising Sun's George Cox who took home first place, a much-deserved win for a strong fighter.

Senpai Phill said: "This is a great step forward for Barry Kyokushin and a great occasion to have this tournament building bridges with Senpai Spencer and Rising Sun.

"The day went without a hitch, it was planned carefully over a few months and the attention to detail was key to this.

"The performance from fighters of both clubs were outstanding."

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East Glamorgan Chess League nears its climax

AN exciting match on Monday was deserving of its importance in deciding the destiny of the East Glamorgan League Title.

First place played third place as Barry Bosons hosted the Cardiff Bishops at the West End Club.

Steve Cunliffe's game finished first, even though there were only knights and pawns left on the board - but Steve made a draw offer as he probably stood worse.

His opponent turned it down at first but offered a draw himself a few moves later. Bill Hewitt dropped a pawn early on against Alex Bulen and did extremely well to battle to a draw.

On board 3, Craig Woolcock was rightly very pleased with his win which was gained in his now familiar attacking style.

The team captain won a pawn in a sharp position but with queens zooming around the board, missed a winning move and allowed his opponent to draw with a perpetual check.

Rhys Steele on board 5 was last to finish in a mutual time scramble with the whole room crowded around to watch the excitement.

Rhys was a piece up with pawns on the board but had only seconds left and kept turning down his opponent's draw offers.

At the end Rhys had only one second left to finish the game whilst his opponent still had 3 seconds to play his moves.

After an astonishing blur of hands, brains and chess pieces the smoke cleared to show that both clocks stood on zero time.

Years ago that would have been called a draw but today's technology showed that the Cardiff player's flag had fallen first and that was enough for Rhys to be awarded the win - Rhys had played more moves in one second than his opponent could in three!

The result confirms that Cardiff Bishops are out of the running for the league title but the extra half point Rhys gained may be crucial to the Bosons' cause.

Tournament favourites and perennial winners Cardiff Castles have one match left to play but trail Barry Bosons by 2 points.

The Bosons have only one game left to play. A victory for the Bosons in their final game and picking up 3.5 of the points on offer will secure the title regardless of the score in the Cardiff Castles' final game - it could hardly be tighter as Barry bid for their first title since 2001.

On Sunday, Cardiff brought their strongest team to Bridgend to play the Vale chess team in the Welsh Premier League.

Cardiff ran away with the match 5-1 with only Steve Cunliffe and Rhys Steele preventing a whitewash.

However, the Vale's early season form keeps them in with a chance of being crowned Welsh Champions.

They will go into the last match of the season in May knowing that a 4-2 win over Nidum will guarantee qualification to the European Championships in Bilbao and then if Cardiff fail to beat Llanelli, the biggest prize in Welsh team chess will be on display at Barry and Penarth chess clubs.

The Barry Chess Club meets at 7:30 pm each Monday at the West End Club, St. Nicholas Road, Barry CF62 6QY.

The club is open to players of all standards; whether you are interested in playing competitive chess or just the occasional friendly games.

New players are very welcome to just turn up on the night but if you contact one of the club members through the website we can explain what is happening on the night you have in mind, and arrange for someone to greet you on your arrival. For more details visit our website at <http://barrychessclub.yolasite.com>

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West End skittles tournament

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Ref centre stage as Barry crash at Abercwmboi

ABERCWMBOI hosted Barry on Saturday on a day ready-made for a serious competition between sides near the top of the table.

The playing conditions were excellent but there were other aspects of the fixture which conspired to ruin the game as an afternoon's enjoyable experience.

The visitors started brightly with their intent to play open rugby epitomised by Luke O'Sullivan and White. For the other side, the hard-running home backs look dangerous with ball in hand.

Barry were behind after 10 minutes to an Abercwmboi penalty when a Barry hand was observed to offend at a ruck.

The visitors then conceded a simple try by being guilty of non-existent tackling among the inside backs.

They responded by putting pressure on the home defence, which began to wobble. First

Ryan was denied a penalty success by the woodwork, then they elected to take an abortive tap penalty from an identical position, a decision that baffled most observers and let their opponents off the hook.

Barry were successful with a further penalty chance soon afterwards but the momentum was lost. The game, like so many this season, became a tussle between the visiting forwards and the home back division.

Abercwmboi then pitched in with a try, the lead-up to which was adjudged not to have re-treated the requisite distance from a penalty.

This flouting of the rules was deemed so severe as to warrant another yellow card! Among all this, Barry engineered a close range try by Hollister.

The game then settled into a reasonable contest with the flow of play relatively even. However, neither Abercwmboi nor Barry had bargained with the yellow finger of fate, which dispatched another player from each side to the touchline!

To their credit, when pressed at forward during the latter stages of the match, Abercwmboi could feel aggrieved when a penalty try was awarded against them for an infringement at a set scrummage.

Abercwmboi were the better side on the day and deserving of their victory by 39-18. They showed a positive intent to translate the coaches' tactics into their play.

Barry, Lundy, Rhys O'Sullivan, Hollister, Tanner, G Jones, Hadfield, Poole, H Jones, Ryan, Luke O'Sullivan, Provis, White, Williams, Scott, Replacements, McTavish, Gallivan, Oaten, Mepham.

The final home fixture is versus Glyncoch at 2.30pm on Saturday, April 19.

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Success for table-topping Rhoose Rovers

AFTER winning the Dockers Cup, Rhoose Rovers moved two steps closer to winning the Division Two title.

Firstly, the pride of Rhoose looked in fine form after defeating Penarth Town B 8-2; goals from Jamie Bagnall, Tom Bevan (two), Chris Bolton, Josh Bryan (two), Chris Vinson and Josh Rowe saw a comfortable evening's work from the Rhoose boys.

Secondly and more recently, Rhoose were made to work hard for a competitive draw against Barry Rovers FC, at Pencoed.

After appearing to have the edge on the match, the visitors only had one goal to show for their efforts and were pegged back towards the end of the match. The match ended all square at 1-1.

Despite the fact that that was two points dropped for Rhoose, they were in celebratory mood as title rivals VIFC had lost at Barry Albion by 1-0.

This results in Rhoose Rovers opening up a four point gap at the top of the table. With only five matches to go, the title race is firmly in Rovers' hands.

Four victories from their last five matches will bring the title and with tough matches still to play, those victories won't come easily.

Matches between the top three teams are still to play and there may be a few twists and turns still to come.

Despite the success of the team, and the club as a whole, this would not have been possible had it not been for the contributions of the club's sponsors.

Firstly, GDL Solutions (Guy Lovering) and KR Building Services (Kevin Rees) for supplying the home and away kit. Also, to Nigel and Kim Wyleman-John from The Cambrian Cafe Bar for catering for the team after every match and putting on a fantastic after-party, after the club's Cup final. Finally, thanks to Craig Trickett for supplying the polo t-shirts for the players.

Everyone at the club fully appreciates all of the contributions that it has received from its sponsors. Without these contributions, Rhoose Rovers FC would find it hard to keep going. If any local businesses wish to get involved, please get in touch with anyone involved at the club.

Next match: Wheez FC v Rhoose Rovers FC at BSC, 2pm KO.

Rising Sun shine at tournament

IN an inaugural tournament held at Barry Memorial Hall by Barry Kyokushin Karate, Rising Sun Karate took a small but strong squad and shone.

From the smallest to the largest, the strength and technique of these young kids was inspiring.

Placing high in all categories and winning many trophies they showed that the future is bright for the club.



A big thanks to Barry Karate for hosting such a well organised tournament. Good spirit was shown by all competitors.

Rising Sun train on Mondays and Wednesdays at Barry Island community hall, first lessons are free.

Joy for Sully lady bowlers



Back row (left to right): Barbara Stanton, Beryl Holmes, Linda Woodcock, Pat Cogbill, Pat Holsworthy, Bethan Horgan. Front Row (left to right): June Best, Myra Newman, Carol Wilmott (captain), Ann Dainton, Sheila Froud, Chris Bland.

SULLY ladies had a Myrddin (Carmarthen), comfortably and Myra very successful Heatherton (Tenby), Newman's rink, despite season winning the Swansea and Newport, and only losing to DJ League National Merthyr.

2 Rink Club In the other group Championship. Earlswood A came out on

play in the final by played at Swansea. Earlswood B, Bro Ann Dainton winning

This is the third time Sully have been successful, previously winning this championship in 2001 and 2010.

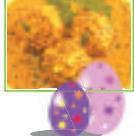
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NEWS FROM SEAVIEW LADS ANGLING CLUB

THE warmer weather is making angling more pleasant and more fish are coming in as well.

The latest doubles competition had 20 anglers fish, and over 100lb weighed in. Dogs are coming in numbers and rays will surely follow.

Nice to see some of the old timers in the mix, along with a few newbies. Even el Presidento has got in on the act!

The mystery trip is being keenly anticipated and by the time this goes to press will have been held.

The social calendar is filling up, so if any members haven't yet put their names down for a trip or two then make sure you do soon!

March 23: 1st, D Crump 9lb 0oz; 2nd, K Salah 7lb 4oz; 3rd, P Coles 5lb 8oz; 4th, J Bray 5lb 2oz; 5th, S Doble 4lb 3oz; 6th, A Peterson 5lb 9oz.

March 26: 1st, R Louger 5lb 3oz; 2nd, A Saif 1lb 15oz; 3rd, D Crump 1lb 10oz; 4th, S Doble 0lb 10oz.

April 6: 1st, P Crook 20lb 14oz; 2nd, S Doble 11lb 14oz; 3rd, R Louger 11lb 13oz; 4th, J Bray 11lb 9oz; 5th, D Crump 7lb 2oz; 6th, K Salah 5lb 2oz.

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